

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. | Commons, St. Patrick Catholic Church

Present: Monica Boyer, Adam Schaefer, Marilyn Voorhees, Danica Wilcox, Dianne Layton, Bill Ludwig, Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, Joe Sevcik, Donna Bash, Christine Guevara, Steve Hanson, Dan Koenigsfeld, Cody Vanasse, Lisa Veit (guest) and Justin Krieger (guest).

Absent: Kevin Engels, Justin Rathjen, and Amy Tomlyanovich

Meeting was called to order by Boyer at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome new members

Opening Prayer

Approval of April Minutes: A motion to approve the April Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, as presented, was made by Voorhees, then seconded by Wilcox. Motion carried with all saying Aye.

New Business:

- **Approval of St. Patrick's Proposed 2025-2025 Budget:** Justin Krieger, parish administrator/ bookkeeper, attended the meeting to answer questions from council members. A motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget, as presented, was made by Ludwig, then seconded by Schaefer. Motion carried with all saying Aye.
- **DMI Survey – opportunities for improvement:**
 - Involving me in decisions that affect the future of the parish (14% disagree)
 - Providing transparent information to me about the finances of the parish (15% disagree)
 - Fr. shared that Diane Flaherty may want to do a workshop with the parish council, finance, and faith formation groups.
 - Voorhees has observed an increase in young working families who are volunteering compared to 20 years ago. She has noticed that some employers are allowing for paid volunteer time as a benefit.

Committee Reports:

Members received meeting minutes/reports prior to the meeting to review, so the emphasis was on clarification questions. Questions or comments are noted within each respective group.

- **Social Justice:**
 - Matthew 25 Update:
 - Food Bank customers converted to a new system, training volunteers, as a result, payroll hours increased.

- Guevara shared that training involved using different phone messages, and using iPads to enroll people. USDA also had rule changes. The new system is also to help with the multiple churches helping the same people throughout the same month.
- In summary, Matthew 25 is experiencing increases in rules, increases in time, and increase in expenses (food). The program has a great crew of volunteers.
- Matthew 25 helps between 50-70 people per month.
- **Liturgy:** No update
- **Faith Formation:** Veit shared that the NCYC car wash last weekend did very well with free will donation. NCYC is seeing the largest number of students ever. Totus Tuus attendance was 40 children, 10 from Waverly, and 30 from our parish in grades 1-6. We were their first stop and did not have much time to share the program. Other parishes have waiting lists.
- **Finance Council:** No questions or concerns beyond the previously discussed budget review.
- **School Board:** Schaefer reported that the school still has some openings for next school year to fill. Over the summer, upgrades to the intercom system will be made. All classrooms will have two-way communication with phones.
- **Marketing:** No questions or concerns
- **CVCS:** No update
- **Parish Life:** Not currently active, no update
- **Legacy Society:** Not currently active, no update

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by Vorhees, then seconded by Layton. Motion carried with all saying Aye at 7:44 p.m.

Meeting for the Election of FY2026 Officers:

Meeting was called to order by Boyer at 7:45 p.m.

- **President:** Sevcik nominated Boyer to serve as President, Boyer agreed. A motion to approve Boyer as President was made by Sevcik, then seconded by Layton and Ludwig. Motion carried with all saying Aye.
- **Vice President:** Boyer nominated Layton to serve as Vice President, Layton agreed. A motion to approve Layton as Vice President was made by Ludwig, then seconded by Hanson. Motion carried with all saying Aye.
- **Secretary:** Layton nominated Hanson to serve as Secretary, Hanson agreed. A motion to approve Hanson as Secretary was made by Koenigsfeld, then seconded by Layton. Motion carried with all saying Aye.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Wilcox, then seconded by Layton. Motion carried with all saying Aye at 7:52 p.m.

2025-26 Meetings:

- 3rd Tuesday of the following months @ 6:30 p.m.:
 - August 19, October 21, November 18, February 17, April 21, June 16

Respectfully Submitted,

Danica Wilcox

Member Name, Position & Term

Monica Boyer, Chair (2025, 1st term)

Dianne Layton, Vice Chair (2026, 2nd term)

Justin Rathjen, Secretary (2025, 2nd term)

Donna Bash (2025, 1st term)

Christine Guevara (2028, 1st term)

Steve Hanson (2028, 1st term)

Kevin Engels (2025, 2nd term)

Dan Koenigsfeld (2027, 1st term)

Bill Ludwig (2025, 1st term)

Joe Sevcik (2025, 1st term)

Amy Tomlyanovich (2026, 2nd term)

Cody Vanasse (2027, 1st term)

Danica Wilcox (2025, 2nd term)

Mark Hannasch, Faith Formation Representative

Marilyn Voorhees, Finance Council Chair

Adam Schaefer, St. Patrick Catholic School Board Representative

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, Pastor