

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. | Commons, St. Patrick Catholic Church

**Present:** Danica Wilcox, Cody Vanasse, Bill Ludwig, Marilyn Voorhees, Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, Monica Boyer, Kevin Engels, Justin Rathjen, Joe Sevcik, Amy Tomlyanovich, Michelle DeGabriele, Gary Winterhof and Jon Wiebers

**Absent:** Dianne Layton, Dan Koenigsfeld, Donna Bash, Adam Schaefer

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

### Opening Prayer

#### Review of the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Consolidation Agreement w/ Gary Winterhof

- Adjustments to agreement reflect the changing landscape of the schools in the area.
- St. Patrick's Subsidy Formula percentage diminishes over time and is less than current percentage
- Motion made and 2nd to accept agreement as written - motion carried; waiting for other parishes to approve

**Approval of November Minutes:** A motion to approve the November Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, as presented, was made by Marilyn, then seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried with all saying Aye.

#### Pastoral Council Election – May 2025

1. Three open positions if Boyer, Bash, Ludwig and Sevcik are able to serve a 2nd term
  - a. Justin, Danica, and Kevin - all terms will end
  - b. Consider the rotation and if it needs to be adjusted to get back on track
2. Representation: mass times, gender, age, school, areas of involvement, etc.

### Time and Talent Forms – being informed and ready to ask!

#### 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.

- Finance Council – *February minutes*
  - School budget ready to be approved/review by parish council for 2025-2026 school year
    - Income projections tend to be more conservative, while expenses tend to be more aggressive
    - Budget surplus anticipated with current projections
    - Motion made and 2nd to approve - motion carried
  - Both church and school are in a good position financially
- Faith Formation – *January minutes*

- Plan is to hire a young-adult minister P/T to reach ages 21-35 - starting date is March 1 (Jen S.)
- Social Justice – *December & February minutes*
  - Matthew 25 is possibly running low on funds; Father suggests appeal to wider parish and get information out about the mission
  - Haiti Committee – *No update*
- Liturgy – *January minutes*
  - Ongoing requests for new ministers at all masses (bulletin) - considering making it known what all the roles entail (time, responsibilities, etc.) on the website. Boyer will follow-up.
- School Board – *November, December, & January minutes*
  - Discussion on incorporating human growth and development curriculum - follow up with Jon W. for more information
- Marketing – *Updates since November meeting*
  - No concerns
- Property and Campaign – *campaign is roughly 80% to goal of \$1.5M*
- Parish Life – *Joe G. has been coordinating with the Knights and Daughters on:*
  - Spring Parish Picnic: Saturday, May 3 from 6-8 p.m.
    - hot dog supper/ice cream social event in the gym/commons after Mass
  - Fall Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 7 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Opportunity for working with Habitat
- Stewardship (Legacy Society) – *Not currently active, no update*

### Comments, concerns, questions

### Closing Prayer + Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting Kevin E. at 7:50pm made, then seconded. Motion carried with all saying Aye at 7:52 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justin Rathjen, Secretary

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#### 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)  
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

