

**St. Pius X Parish Council Minutes**  
**March 5, 2007**

Members present: Anne Bickel, Bryan Blumeier, Jennifer Bradford, Terry Crawley, Kathy DeLozier, Sue Dunne, Darlene Early, Joan Echsner, JoDee Jackson, John Kissel, Wilfred Luescher, Patsy Meyer, Byron Theodore, Patti Vance, Patrick White, Sr. Mary Elaine Zehnder

Members not in attendance: Ashley Karaken, Fr. Chuck Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 and began with prayer supplied by Sharon Benton from the archdiocesan long range planning office.

**Long Range Planning Process:** It is time for St. Pius to create a new five year strategic plan. This plan could take 10-12 months to complete. It should be written during 2007, and implementation should begin in 2008. However, it is not necessary to complete the plan in the first year; our goal should be to stretch out implementation over five years.

Sharon suggested taking the following steps:

1. gather a group of 25-30 parishioners by personal invitation;
2. revisit our mission statement and determining whether it still defines who we are, what we do and believe, and for whom we provide outreach;
3. gather information from committees, organizations, and individual parishioners to see what St. Pius does well, what we need to improve, and ways we can share resources with other parishes;
4. divide planning committee into small groups and have each group write their part of the strategic plan; each part should include goals, objectives, and action steps;
5. write a first draft and take it back to major committees to review;
6. ask committees to help with timelines and assign responsibilities for getting work done;
7. “wordsmith” the document, using one consistent voice
8. planning committee gives final approval of plan;
9. planning committee doles out work to responsible committees to meet planning goals in 3-5 years;

In addition, we discussed using the questions from our 2005 survey to form new specific questions. We also agreed to review the current long-range plan (which “expires” in 2007) to see what we have accomplished. The plan is available on our website.

One of the biggest tasks for the long range planning committee is to decide how to include three parishes with one worship space and to see how three parishes attend to the needs of our regional school.

By our May meeting, all parish council members need to submit names of interested parties for our Long Range Planning Committee. Current chairs of various committees

and organizations need a copy of the current plan and the survey results of our 2005 survey. Finally, we need a bulletin announcement for volunteers to serve on the committee.

**Stewardship update:** The stewardship committee still needs a chairperson.

**John Paul II Academy:** Announcement of the new principal will occur on March 8; six candidates applied for the job, and all six were experienced in Catholic schools. The school is also working on its budget and looking at pre-registration, which currently stands at 434, down a bit from 2006-2007.

**Parish Life:** report attached, and Patsy asked for suggestions for our celebration of Fr. Chuck's years of service to St. Pius. She also asked if leftover items from the 50<sup>th</sup> parish anniversary could be given out at the picnic or donated to the Guatemalan mission group.

**Worship:** report attached; and, Kathy DeLozier submitted a draft document of new job descriptions for the worship director and music director to the council for approval. We discussed whether the jobs were a concern for parish council, but since a new pastor is coming on board in June, we felt it was fair to him to show how his liturgical team functions within the parish structure. Terry Crawley moved to accept the job descriptions as written; Joanie Echsner seconded and the parish council approved these.

There was a discussion about scheduling ministers for special Masses. There will be a report on this at the May meeting since there will be no worship committee meeting on March 19. Minister chairs should remind their ministers to sign in on the cabinet in the sacristy before each Mass.

**Social concerns:** report attached, and Sue Dunne strongly urged everyone to attend the CLOUT meeting on March 19. Interested people could carpool from St. Pius at 5:50 P.M.

**Formation:** report attached

**Administration:** report attached, and JoDee discussed that while we are currently ahead in our budget, major expenditures are expected.

**Old Business:** Patsy Meyer reported that the Parish Directory should be available to all within the next two weeks.

We also discussed the need for a new roof over the booster room so that it will be under the same roof as the school. Before that can happen, a 15 ton air conditioner on the roof needs to be moved and duct work needs to be reworked. This could cost approximately \$30,000.00.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:23. Minutes submitted by Kathy DeLozier