



# Saint Bartholomew Church

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes Aug. 21, 2024

**Present:** Fr. Andrew Umberg, Jerry Yox, Ken Radziwon, Joe Arnold, Joanne Hauser, Joy Niehaus, Ashley Evans, Jon Tobin, Colleen Wietmarschen, Kathy Rothschild (Dir of Admin and Finance), Charlie McDonald (Pastoral Council Secretary)

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM in the Board Room by council chair Jerry Yox, with Fr. Umberg saying the opening prayer.

### Approval of 4/17/24 Council Minutes:

Joe A made a motion to accept the minutes as revised; Colleen seconded, and the motion passed.

### Festival Update:

- Jerry Y said numbers are not yet finalized but it looks like this was our 2<sup>nd</sup> best festival ever. There were a few extra expenses this year such as new yard signs and radios, and some of the festival proceeds will be split with the other OLODP parishes who participated in the festival. When all expenses are paid, the net should be about \$56-57K. Kathy R said most, or all, will likely be used for a new air conditioner for the church.

### Family Fun Fest at Assumption:

- Jon T said Assumption pretty much ran the event this year since it was held at their parish, and said those in charge did a great job. He estimated the attendance numbers were comparable to the fall picnic held at St. Bartholomew last year. There were a few money-making events to try to defer costs and there was a band (son of a parishioner) that played at a low price. Father said he felt the event was quite successful and thanked Jon T and Jerry Y for spearheading the corn hole contest. Jerry's opinion is we should strive to have this event later in the year (as was the case when it was held at St. Bartholomew) to give festival workers more time between the events. Kathy R heard comments that it was held a little too close to the start of school. Father thinks it was held on Aug 18 because that's the weekend it has been held at Assumption in the past and they have some fund-raising events a little later in the year.

### Air Conditioning Update:

- Father said our new Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Paul Petronio, looked over the HVAC system several weeks ago with the person who replaced the boiler at St. Clare. They found a rather large hole in the bottom of the air handler and some potential degradation of the ductwork that runs underground. They found that the A/C will run for about 10 minutes before shutting off. An initial estimate of about \$230K was received to replace the system with a new version of same type of system currently installed. Some donations have been pledged by parishioners but not nearly enough to cover the cost, even when combined with our reserves.

- Meetings have been held by a small committee to discuss options, and one was to use several smaller A/C units along with fans. This will likely be ruled out in favor of replacing the A/C with a 40 Ton unit. The committee is currently reaching out to several HVAC companies for additional estimates and recommendations. In any case, we will need diocesan approval to move forward due to the cost.
- A discussion took place among council members. Jon suggested a split system using a heat pump so the same system can provide heating and cooling. Colleen asked Father if he could put an appeal in the bulletin asking for donations; Father said he will look into this. Ken mentioned the use of ceiling fans. Father said he thinks fans would be good to move hot air down in the winter but would just circulate hot air in the summer. Also, ceiling-mounted fans would need to be mounted on large poles for the air to circulate low enough, which would be a distraction. Joy said new A/C refrigerant standards will take effect in 2025 that may impact system cost.

**SBAA:**

- Jon T said a new water fountain will be installed soon in the KAC, paid for by SBAA. He also said space could be freed up for other purposes if the locker rooms were eliminated but Norie told him some of the items in the area were State funded which could lead to complications. Kathy R said she looked into using a storage unit in the past but said there would first need to be permits and architectural design revisions because we're a commercial facility, so she recommended against. Kathy will talk to Norie about cleaning out the locker rooms.
- Jon said SBAA can donate money towards the new electronic sign. Fr Umberg said the sign project is on hold right now since the primary donor may want to move his sign funds to the A/C.
- Jon asked if a keyless entry system could be installed in the KAC, paid for by SBAA. Kathy said it would be very expensive, but Father said he would be in favor since it would be easier to manage than keys. Kathy said she will investigate.
- Jon asked if SBAA needs approval to do fundraising; Father said they should run it by him and Kathy before any events are held.
- Kathy said 9 coaches are currently in non-compliance with the child protection guidelines; Jon said he will contact them.
- Father thanked Jon and SBAA for their cooperation in letting St. Bartholomew use the KAC for Mass.

**Beacons of Light and Pastor's Update-Father Umberg:**

- Father said he is slowing down the Beacons process since there will be a new Archbishop next year and not sure if he will make changes.
- Father said he has made a few minor changes to the St. Bartholomew worship space such as new microphones but would like to make larger ones such as a new sound system, a new Tabernacle and possibly replace carpeting in the sanctuary with hard surface flooring.
- Father said his plan is to have a new weekday Mass schedule by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and to combine all parish family bulletins into one by then. He is also hoping to have a facilities status report for all family parishes by late fall or winter/spring 2025.
- Fr said he originally accepted a 5-year assignment to be the pastor of our family of parishes and has been fully committed. However, he recently found out that St Susanna and St Ignatius are losing their pastors, and the archdiocese will be looking for seasoned pastors to fill those positions. Father told the archdiocese he is willing to be moved if they feel he will be the right pastor. A decision will be made sometime next week, and he asked for prayers. If he is selected for either assignment, he will likely be gone from our family by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Next council meeting:** It was decided to have our next meeting on **Wed. Nov 20 at 7 pm.**  
The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Umberg.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie McDonald.