



## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 - 6:30 PM**

**St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish Hall**

**Attendees:** Gaby Andrea, Fr. James Belogi, Eleanor Bradley, Christine Cioffi, Justine Crevatas, Bob DiCostanzo, Debbie Fontes, Betsy Glasser, Teshia Gutchell, Anna Hartz, Richard Leet, Nancy Lussier, Julius Pasquariello, Thomas Poznanski, Kathleen Riordan, Donna Simone, Kelly Sloan, Gloria Towle-Hilt, Christopher Wertman

**Excused:** Terri Bouchard, Joan Duda, Arthur Foo, Fran Mitchell, Nancy Moscheo, Fr. Anthony Onu, Joanne Russell, Joanne Tuchovsky, Bruce Smith, Alyssa Sarrosa

The meeting was called to order by Gaby Andrea at 6:33 PM.

Opening prayer by Teshia Gutchell.

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

- The April Council meeting minutes were approved by Teshia Gutchell and seconded by Debbie Fontes. Motion carried.

### **2) Ministry Updates**

- SMS Music Ministry (Justine)
  - **Liturgy Updates**
    - May rosary after weekend Masses
    - May Crowning: May 13 @ 9am
    - Graduate blessing: June 13/14 (needs bulletin announcement)
    - Triduum feedback positive; need more ushers (especially Vigil)
    - Exploring more collaborative liturgies with priests/deacons
    - Next Liturgy Meeting: May 12 (if needed)
    - Summer planning/picnic: August 11 @ 6pm
  - **School Choir / Music**
    - Choir rehearsals resumed (end of April)
    - Key events:
      - May Crowning (May 4)
      - School Mass (May 10)



- Ascension Thursday (May 14)
- Feast of SMS (May 26)
- Final liturgy (June 9)
- 5th Grade Graduation (June 16)
- **Upcoming Choir Schedule**
  - Joyful Heart: April 29, May 6, May 27
  - Youth Choir: May 17, May 31
  - Saturday 4pm Mass: May 2, June 6
  - Sunday 9am Mass: May 3, June 7
- **Events**
  - End-of-year Music Ministry Potluck: June 10 @ 6:30pm
- **Albany NPM Updates**
  - Diocesan Music Ministry Picnic: June 14 (1–4pm, SMS pavilion)
  - Additional offerings:
    - Choral rehearsals, Cantor workshops
    - Prayer service + Q&A with Bishop Mark
    - Podcast feature (Kathy Barran)
  - National Convention (July 20–24, DC):
    - Emphasis on strengthening faith communities through music

### 3) Old Business

- Update Crop Walk (Rich)
  - Well attended event (400-500 people estimate)
  - Amongst the four network parishes nearly \$2,600 was collected.
    - SMS: \$1,025.00
    - SGA: \$881.00
    - OLQP: \$590.00
    - St. Margaret of Cortona: \$99.00
    - Total: \$2,595.27

### 4) Community Events & Devotions

- Parish Picnic
  - Booked for noon on Sunday, September 20th, 2026 at Tawasentha Park.
  - Network Picnic:
    - SMS, SGA, OLQP
  - Salad, Dessert, Drinks are requested from parish members.



## 5) New Business

- Discernment
  - Discernment is needed for this upcoming year.
  - Will take place in June.
- SMS and SGA Diocesan appeal update
  - SMS:
    - Diocesan 74.2% to goal
    - \$71,557 gifts and pledges collected thus far (Goal: \$96,000)
  - SGA:
    - Diocesan 48% to goal
    - \$19,961 gifts and pledges collected thus far (Goal: \$41,693)

## 6) Pastor's Comments (Fr. Jim)

- SGA appeal of bankruptcy settlement dues was filed (deadline April 30).
- SMS did not file an appeal for the bankruptcy settlement dues.
- Finance council met:
  - 2 new trustees needed from SGA will begin in June.
- Suggested Summer Schedule:
  - It was suggested that due to the safety of parishioners, suggested SGA masses be held at SMS in the air conditioning for June, July & August.
  - Town Hall to be held to determine parishioner feedback.
  - Masses will not be held at an alternative location and all masses will remain with normal day/time/location.

## 7) Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Betsy Glasser seconded by Julius Pasquariello Motion carried.

## 8) Closing Prayer

- Read by Donna Simone and all.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:14 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Wertman**

