

Parish Council Meeting
June 10, 2025

Present: Josh Courard, Deacon Rich, Kim Van Handel, Barb Brandtner, Paula Helms, Marilyn Menor, Dan VanBoxtel, Dori Bluma, Janet Brill, Cathy Krull, Lee Rynish

Absent: Father Sengole, Ann Spaude, Jason Finn, John Steltz

Cathy Krull called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Deacon Rich led the council in an opening prayer

The Mission Statement was recited

Cathy asked for the approval of the meeting agenda; a motion by Barb Brandtner to approve, seconded by Dan VanBoxtel.

Cathy asked for approval of the April minutes; a motion was made by Marilyn Menor to approve, seconded by Josh Courard

Deacon Rich opened the meeting by thanking the members whose terms are ending; their service has been greatly appreciated. The council is in need of members and anyone who would like to stay on for one additional year is very welcome to continue.

Worship Committee: Steve Kemp gave the council an update on the parish logo; the sample was passed around for viewing. Steve suggested adding the mission statement to the back of our envelopes; all were in favor. Discussion was held on the future training of the altar servers. Father will fill in for the now until a replacement can be found to cover the duties. There was clarification that there is a fresh flower fund for keeping live flowers by the tabernacle. The Liturgical Ministry Instruction Booklet is complete and will be available in the back of church.

Activities: The Corpus Christi program is set for June 22, 2025; there is a need for servers and ushers. The Knights of Columbus will participate in the procession at St. John's; unfortunately they are not available to participate at St. Sebastian.

Finance: Dan and Paula reported that the Finance Committee is looking for ways to save funds. The Church budget is coming up approximately 19,000 short and the RE budget coming in with a 46,000.00 short fall. Our parish income has gone up 10K since last year which helps, but we have been in the red for the last 10 -15 years. Discussion was held on the fact that our parish no longer has any fund raising events. There is a need to find ways to raise additional revenue, as there are really no options left to cut in the way of expenses. Suggestions were made to host a fall event and to continue the cemetery walk as either an annual or bi-annual event.

Missionary Discipleship: The report was reviewed, no questions at this time.

Cemetery and Building: The report was reviewed; a brief question on the fire alarm in the former school building was answered.

Christian Women: The report was reviewed, no questions at this time.

Christian Services: This committee was deemed inactive and will be removed at this time.

New Business:

There will be a popcorn sale-taking place on Father's Day Weekend; Cathy is looking for volunteers to assist with the sale.

Old Business:

An update was given on the parish directory, 134 members have participated, which is 17 below our participation goal. Steve collected info to update emails and phone numbers for the parish contact list. The committee will begin laying out the parish pages, which will include events to celebrate the 125th parish anniversary.

Painting of the rooms in the former school building has not started as of today.

Brief discussion was held on the communion kneelers to match the existing pew kneelers; Lee stated that Lenny has some ideas.

It was brought to the council's attention for a request to have a cot in the restrooms for a parishioner with back problems to have a place to go and lay down if needed during mass services. After a lengthy discussion it was concluded that it is not a practical item for the parish to provide due to limited space and sanitary concerns for cleaning.

A request was made to replace the worn Mass cards in the pews. The cost is 16.95 for 50 laminated cards. Cathy made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Dan.

Follow up to the question if there is an additional premium charge for liability coverage for the playground located on the parish property. The answer is no, it is part of the standard coverage.

The dioceses sent out a list of requirements to make sure parish AED units are in good working order and what should be done to maintain them. Cathy will reach out to the local EMT's to be sure we are in compliance.

Projected Council Membership: Cathy has agreed to stay on and serve for 1 more year.

Dan made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm; meeting was closed with a prayer.