

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025- 6:30 P.M.**

**1. Opening Prayer (Andy Huettl)**

**A. Andy submitted a prayer and Cathy lead**

**PRESENT:** *Anne Spaude, Kim VanHandel, Josh Counard, Fr. Sengole Daas, Paula Helms, Dan Vanboxtel, Cathy Krull, Carolyn Reuter, Janet Brill*

**ABSENT:** *Andy Huettl, Dori Bluma, John Steltz, Lee Rynish, Kim Laabs*

**2. Recitation of Mission Statement**

**A. Mission Statement:** *We, the members of St. John the Baptist, will, like our patron, St. John the Baptist, attempt to live lives, individually and as a parish community, that point people to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. (John 1:29)*

**3. Approval/modification of Agenda**

**A. Anne makes motion to accept agenda, Dan seconds**

**4. Acknowledgment of Minutes**

**A. Minutes changes for October 14, 2025: Carolyn Reuter was absent**

**i. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes and Josh seconded**

**5. Pastor Opening Comments**

**A. No comment**

**6. Committee Reports:**

**A. Missionary Discipleship:**

**i. Cathy commented that kids present for masses keeps attendance up**

**ii. See report**

**B. Cemetery:**

**i. Paula shared they are looking to get the reflection area ready, going to contact Joe Bluma to help bring ideas to the table.**

**C. Building and Grounds:**

**i. See report**

**ii. Roof has been patched for the winter and then they will go back to repairs in the spring**

**iii. Hoffman has finished their eval of the facilities and Dan and others will be meeting with them for what they found for next steps**

**D. Christian Women:**

**i. See report**

**E. Worship:**

**i. See report**

**F. Parish Activities & Events:**

- i. No report submitted

**G. Finance:**

- i. About \$7500 behind on parish support
- ii. Weekly support is down
- iii. Hoping for giving to increase with attendance in December

**H. Good Shepherd Nursing Home:**

- i. See report

**7. New Business:**

**A. Railings for sanctuary**

- i. Reason for railings are safety issues with going up and down the stairs for the lectors and distributors
- ii. Location: off the sides by the ambo and by father's chair (see picture)



*\*\*Choir side*

*\*\*tabernacle side*

- iii. Cathy will get Jeff to give prices and mock up drawings

**B. Janet- fundraisers**

**i. Fat Sunday Basket raffle**

1. Donations will be solicited (raised about \$1500 last year with 36 baskets)
2. Last years money went to support RE
3. Paula brought up that Christian women are interested in partnering with basket raffle to make it bigger and then share money raised with their cause, St. Vincent de Paul
  - a. Janet will connect with them to work together
4. Ideas: maybe use money to help cover donuts? Wish list for the parish?

- 5. Basket contents policy from diocese to be reviewed about alcohol
    - ii. Puzzle fundraiser
      - 1. See idea sheet
      - 2. Promote to the whole community not just our parish
      - 3. Could have a small basket raffle on that day too
    - iii. Other craft ideas from parish member talents?
      - 1. Candles?
      - 2. Quilts? (Paula)
    - iv. Pottery plates/mosaic garden stones
      - 1. See idea sheet
      - 2. Raffle items
  - C. Parish Council- secretary/vice-chairperson
    - i. Cathy has been taking notes in the past few meetings
    - ii. Dan motioned to have Carolyn to be the secretary and Cathy seconded
    - iii. Vice-chairperson: Anne motioned for Josh to be vice chair and Cathy seconded
  - D. Meeting Date- eliminate conflict with finance committee
    - i. Finance is always every other month
      - 1. Next meeting is Jan 8th
      - 2. Feb 10th possible move to March 10th
8. Old Business:
- A. Parish Directory has been distributed
  - B. Eucharistic kneelers- expected in time for Christmas HERE!
  - C. Fundraiser committee: still need volunteers!
    - i. Anne, Paula, and Cathy will brainstorm how to write up something for the bulletin to get members interested
9. Items for Next Agenda
- A. Opening/closing prayer : Josh
10. Next Meeting- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:30 PM
11. Closing Prayer
- A. “Patience”

*Minutes submitted by: Carolyn Reuter 12/18/25*