

Parish Council Meeting
August 13, 2025

Present: Josh Counard, Kim Van Handel, Paula Helms, Ann Spaude, Carolyn Reuter, Andy Huettl, Dori Bluma, Lee Rynish, Dan Van Bortel, and Fr. Dass

Absent: John Steltz

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

Fr. Dass led the council in an opening prayer.

The Mission Statement was recited by council members.

Motion to approve the agenda by Dan Van Bortel, seconded by Josh Counard

Correction to the June 2025 minutes: The total Church budget is coming up approximately \$46,000 short with the RE budget coming in with a \$19,000 short fall. Motion to approve with correction, made by Dan Van Bortel, seconded by Josh Counard.

Fr. Dass commented that everything was good and thanked everyone for their work.

Committee Reports:

1. Parish Activities & Events (Dori Bluma):
 - a. John Steltz and Fr will talk to RE students and families about the 33 days to Eucharistic Glory.
 - b. Discussion on Formed app. Motion to non-renewal of the app by Dan Van Bortel and seconded by Ann Spaude, all in favor.
 - c. Dynamic Catholic Book program- Choices of books: The Forgotten Way, The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality, and Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy.
 - d. Speakers: Choice of speakers and use with RE nights
 - e. Tailgate party: Deb Peterson will help, Christian mothers?
 - f. October is month of the Rosary. Rosary rally and display of rosaries and materials.
2. Finance (Paula Helms):
 - a. Parish support up \$15,000 this year
3. Missionary Discipleship (John Steltz): report reviewed.
4. Cemetery (Lee Rynish):
 - a. Updating rules and regulations for Cemetery.
 - b. Joe Bluma is the Cemetery Committee chair

5. Building and Grounds (Lee Rynish):
 - a. Home School Consortium uses the school building on Mondays.
 - b. Removal of old desks- put out in back of church and for the city rummage sale.
 - c. Church furnace/air conditioning has been completed on updates/repairs
 - d. To replace roof \$75,000 to \$100,000
 - e. Committee: Jack Carter, Mike Lee, and Andy Patz
 - f. Assess Handicap access
 - g. Parking lot sealed
 - h. See "Building and Grounds" notes.
6. Christian Women (submitted by Helen Wachtendonk): report reviewed
7. Worship Committee:

New Business:

- a. Deacon Rich celebration-last weekend of September
- b. Parish website: handout of sites and options, it will go to the Finance Committee

Old Business:

- a. Nativity – send thank you card to Juelaine Mueller
- b. Parish registration- 100 cards returned

Items for Next Agenda:

- a. Parish Directory
- b. Discussion about organizing a fundraising committee and plan for the Parish- all groups submit to the calendar, yearly meeting with all committees to plan.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 14th, 6:30 pm

Motion to dismiss: Josh Counard, seconded by Cathy Krull

Closing prayer: Fr. Dass