

Parish Council Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Father Sengole, Dcn Rich Matuszak, Kim Van Handel, Dan Van Boxel, Lee Rynish, Dori Bluma, Cathy Krull, Barb Brandtner, Marilyn Menor, Joshua Counard, Paula Helms, Ann Spaude,

Absent: Janet Brill, John Steltz, Jason Finn

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer was led by Father Sengole; all recited the parish mission statement

Dcn Rich asked for approval of the agenda, motion was made by Ann Spaude to accept, seconded by Joshua Counard

Dcn Rich asked for approval of the February minutes, Dan VanBoxtel made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Joshua Counard.

Father Sengole did not have any opening comments at this time.

Cemetery: Continuing to work on landscape improvements to west property line. Looking to upgrade lawn tractor with a bagger this spring.

Buildings and Grounds: 3 parishioners committed to being members of committee. They will review reports and recommendations, conduct audit of projects and lend helping hand when possible. First duty is accessing costs to maintain older part of school.

Removing some additional trees. Discussed whether or not we should refresh woodchips on playground. \$4500 cost. Talked about removing playground entirely. Kim will check with insurance on the cost to cover the parish from anyone being hurt on it.

Christian Women: Both of the homeless shelter locations had their last meals done by St John's until the Fall now. Chicken and vegetables were donated to the Fat Sunday celebration by the Christian Women. They are working on parish breakfast for April 27th.

Christian Services: No report for this meeting

Worship Committee: Final liturgical ministry job descriptions were submitted for approval. They will be bound and made available for parish members to review.

Parish logo is complete and letterhead and envelopes will be ordered by Steve Kemp. Discussion was also had about making apparel available to parish members to order from a website. Suggestion made to have Steve Kemp research companies.

Talk about purchasing new kneelers for church for those wanting to kneel to receive communion. Suggestion was made to see if Lenny Smurawa would make for us. Cathy Krull offered to go see him. Also, discussion to purchase a few adult albs for those interested in serving.

Marilyn Menor discussed the new iPad the church purchased. All Journeybook songs have been downloaded. Will begin using it in May. Dcn Rich suggested continuing the music until communion is distributed and vessels are cleaned.

Parish Activities: Posters are being made to give to other parishes to promote Michael Mette Ministries concert at 6:30pm (free will offering). Michael to sing at SS at 8am and SJ at 10am on May 4, 2024 – Potluck at 5:30-6:15pm.

Divine Mercy-table will be set up with items for parish members.

May-Month of Mary; will be saying rosary before 4pm and 10am Masses by Matt & Judy Smurawa and Yvonne Ullmer. Will try to get 1st Communicants to carry flowers up for May Crowning.

Also suggested having guest speakers come to church like Father Girotti. Dcn Dave, Jacob VanSchyndel.

Finance: New 'Expenditure Request Form' was passed out to all members and brief explanation was given on the form to be used always. Funds spent by committee leaders can be approved by Kim up to \$499. \$500 and over needs to be presented to the Finance Council. Form should be available on our parish website. Budgets being worked on for each committee.

Missionary Discipleship: Report submitted for rest of events for the calendar year.

New Business: 33 Days of Eucharist invite from Bishop Ricken will be promoted in the Fall for parish members and RE classes.

AED in church needs to be monitored by someone. Suggestions were made for those with medical knowledge-Seth Reuter, Juelaine Miller, or Joeley Bluma.

Discussed redecorating/painting bathrooms in school. Was agreed this should be done. Jean Katch will be taking charge of this. Was decided a few 'blemishes' could/should be fixed in classrooms but painting and theme rooms are not going to be done at this time.

Rose sale after Masses Mother's Day weekend to benefit Pro-Life of Wisconsin. Cathy Krull will be handling.

Nomination forms for committees will be put in the bulletin and provided in church for new opening positions. Many people are needed.

Note put in bulletin asking parish members to donate flowers for the tabernacle in church throughout the summer (and beyond).

Phase III kickoff 4/12 & 4/13 weekend. Dcn Rich will talk at the end of the Masses about it. Displays will be by all the entrances with plans on them. So far on the committee is Andy Huettl, Dcn Rich, and Dan VanBoxtel.

Old Business: Directory update – 115 units have been photographed so far. 5 more have signed up. 300 postcards will be mailed out to those that have not responded.

Items for the June Agenda: ?

Next meeting: June 10th, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm