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Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025 7 PM
Respectfully submitted by Joan Lynn

Opening Prayer: Fr. Matt started the meeting with an opening prayer and the meeting was called to order. After welcoming everyone and introducing our new members, Trish Cady, Jim DiVincenzo and Ed Merritt. There were no minutes to approve from the June 10, 2025 meeting.

1. Attendees:

- a. Fr. Matthew Laird
- b. Deacon Joe McGinley
- c. Tom Wilbur, President
- d. Ed Mahoney
- e. Karen Toste
- f. Lorraine Levy
- g. Trish Cady
- h. Jim DiVincenzo
- i. Ed Merritt
- j. Joan Lynn

2. New Business:

Town Hall Meeting

Fr. Matt read the suggested bulletin ad from the Agenda announcing the Town Hall Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

Agenda for that meeting to include introducing membership. Members will stand up and be recognized. An extensive overview of the financial and community of St. Ann's current and the trajectory of the Parish.

Sharing of findings of the DMI survey as well as the Community of Welcome survey will be shared.

Suggestion was made to have name tents on the table to identify membership.

Suggestion to share recent successes - roof, tree trimming, accomplishments to improve the property.

Suggestion to put something on the website as well as the weekly bulletin

Suggestion to have coffee/water, as well as the set up to consist of both chairs and tables.

Question - do we know how many hits our website gets ?

Question was asked if a parish council email address was set up?

Committee members are asked to show up at 6:30 to help with setup.

Safety Concerns

Due to the church shooting in Minnesota recently, Fr. Matt shared that the Diocese has provided each parish with guidelines for Parish Safety and Security. Our immediate plans include camera(s) and locking down the parish center when students are in the building. Further investigation will take place.

Parish Picnic

Annual Picnic was moved this year from July to September. It will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 12-3:30. There will be a flyer in the bulletin on 9/14. Gift baskets will be offered again this year. Request to make donations of gift baskets will be added to the flyer.

Trivia Night

Will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025 after the 4 pm Mass. There will be two parts - Catholic trivia and Raynham trivia. In between will be music trivia. There will be pot luck with folks asked to sign up to bring food. There will be raffles.

3. Faith Formation update- Getting ready to kick off the year. Registrations are consistent with the past few years for students attending grades 1-9. We have 23 teachers working with our students and a few more volunteers helping out with the office/operations. We added Venmo this year as a form of payment. It has been very well received.
4. Deacon's Report - Deacon Joe updated us as to the current class of Deacons. They are in Year 3 (of a 4 year program). There are currently 11 men in the program. As this group is heading towards their ordination, the next class is beginning.
5. New business
Parish Picnic - at the next KofC meeting, there will be more discussion about the picnic.

Parish Council Workshop - HolyTrinity Fall River, Tuesday June 17th. 5:30 pm dinner followed by 6-8:30 workshop. The focus will be how the council can better support the parish priest.

Town Hall Meeting - Fr. Matt brought up the idea of having one of our Parish Council meetings as a Town Meeting style scenario. We would invite parishioners to join us and have the opportunity to ask questions - either of the work of the parish council or of the various groups here at St. Ann's. We also discussed having questions written ahead of time so that we could prepare. More discussion to come.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after a closing prayer from Fr. Matt Laird

Following the Town Hall meeting, our next meeting will be November 17th at 7 pm.