

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Chris Varady, President.

OPENING PRAYER: Jesus, our friend and our brother, please guide us with your wisdom and love today. Help us to do your will and to be open to hear your voice as we speak and listen to one another. Amen.

PRESIDENT REPORT- Chris Varady

- No report.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Joy Stanton

- No report.

SECRETARY REPORT- Ashley Lack

- Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 2025 meeting
- A motion was made by Susan Kasten and seconded by Joy Stanton to approve the Minutes as previously distributed.

TREASURER REPORT- Susan Kasten

- Checking account balance: \$24,869.07
- Expenses: Teacher Appreciation Reimbursement, Grandparent's Day, Toys for Tots - Santa, Football Payouts
- Income: Trivia, Grandparents Day, & Toys for Tots
 - \$170 donation to date for Toys for Tots

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Tenisha Phelps reporting for Tenisha Phelps & Marli Nixon

- Saints Spotlight Update
- Billboard Update: 13 advertisements to be used throughout the year. 1st ad in January will be Cash Bash
- Current events being marketed
- Facebook analytics are booming; trunk or treat were the top posts

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT- Officers reporting for Kylie Gregory

- Completed Events:
 - **Grandparents' Day**
 - Susan Kasten reporting for Chair: Peggy Kory
 - Date: November 7, 2025
 - Profit of \$65
 - **Trivia Night**
 - Chair: Jason Lack

St. Ambrose Parents' Association

SAPA Meeting: December 3, 2025

Location: St. Ambrose Community Center

- Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025
- Disney themed next year
- Just over \$3000 profit
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Cardinals Calendars**
 - Susan Kasten reporting for Chair: Paige Dawdy
 - Order forms/money due on 12/4/25
 - <https://forms.gle/36vYtxBGvQBo8kV39>
 - 18 calendars sold to date
 - **St. Ambrose Community Christmas/Toys for Tots Drive**
 - Chair: Susan Kasten
 - Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025
 - Location: Krueger's Orchard
 - Online donation: Venmo @SAPA820
 - Volunteers needed: <https://signup.com/go/MUnLTQM>
 - **Family Movie Night**
 - Chair: Chris Varady
 - Date: Friday, December 12, 2025
 - Movie: The Grinch (2018 animated film)
 - Volunteers needed:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AA4A72AAAF9C34-60789853-grinch#/>
 - **Christmas Feast**
 - Sue Stirnman reporting for Chairs: Lauren Hoefert & Sue Stirnman
 - Date: December 17, 2025
 - RSVP by Thursday, December 11, 2025
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe09z-AHlaziPo3rjmK_Vd0jJv-N7IFExtJFBz_c0rNk4AnMA/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=107747456890683274160
 - **Ice Skating at the Loading Dock**
 - Chair: Chris Varady
 - Saturday, January 17, 2025
 - 9:00-11:30 a.m.
 - \$500 rental fee covered by SAPA
 - **Cash Bash**
 - Chair: Joy Stanton & SAPA Officers
 - Date: February 14, 2025
 - Tickets on sale beginning January 1st
 - Early Bird Drawings January 12, 2026 and January 26, 2026
 - Tickets are purchased and designed on avery.com
 - Finals touches to be added and then tickets can be printed
 - **Spiritwear**
 - Chair: Mel Bechtold

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- Status Update: Black Friday sale results and November sales: \$1210 (SAPA gets 10%); Black Friday-Cyber Monday sales \$1143
- December 5th - Last day to order to '*guarantee*' Christmas delivery

DEACON JAY'S REPORT- Jay Wackerly

- Stewardship report 2025 - received all the individual sections (36). Mel is compiling onto a Canva report.
- Advent Services 4:00 next 3 Sundays – Holy Day, Penance Service, Prayer Service
- SE/CMG – Safe Environment
 - Church has 145 Active users with 0 action needed.
 - St. Ambrose School 96 (-3) Active users with 0 action needed.
- Mass live stream to YouTube – no change

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Bob Baird

CALENDAR

12-5-25	St. Nicholas Day celebration
12-7-25	Toys for Tots at Krueger's Orchard
12-10-25	1:30 Dismissal
12-11-25	Picture retakes
12-11-25	Parent Reconciliation meeting, 6:30
12-12-25	MCHS Blue Santa Visit
12-12-25	SAPA Movie Night
12-17-25	SAPA Christmas Feast
12-18-25	Christmas Program
12-19-25	End of 2nd Quarter
12-19-25	PreSchool Christmas Program, 1:00
1-5-26	School Resumes

- Thank you to SAPA for providing funds for Catholic Schools Week! These funds will be used for snacks for our student activity day as well as for a faculty lunch. An itinerary of Catholic Schools Week Activities will be shared soon.
- Recently Fr. Steve sent home a letter detailing the schedule for parents of students preparing to receive the Sacraments in 2026. The first date on the schedule is Thursday Dec. 11 for students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Thank you to the Mobile Museum of Tolerance for Visiting St. Ambrose on Monday Dec. 1 and Tuesday Dec. 2. Our 5-8 grade classes were provided a tour of the museum and a message promoting tolerance, using the story of Anne Frank.
- Recently our St. Ambrose Student Council helped coordinate decorations for St. Ambrose at the Rock Spring Park light display and in the windows at City Hall in Alton. Please check out our St. Ambrose Christmas decorations in both locations and consider voting for the Student Council tree display if you visit Rock Spring Park.

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- Our annual St. Nicholas Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday Dec. 5. Treats will be provided in the afternoon for all students.
- The Marquette Catholic HS "Blue Santa" will visit St. Ambrose on Friday Dec. 12.
- 3 new students joining after school
- Group MAP test results: all classes exceeded the diocesan average except 3rd grade missed 2 areas; 7th grade missed 1 area. Soon posted.
- Spring Testing April 2026
- New custodian: Paul Fritsch. Jim Ervin Chris Rose still there.
- Volleyball registration went out 4-8th grade boys/girls; register by end of next week. Games mid January.

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion was held regarding including students in more Facebook posts with more insight into school daily life. Concerns were expressed on how to get this idea to fruition.
- It was asked that when we are doing staff appreciation throughout the year, if we are including staff other than teachers, can we include items that aren't just "teacher themed".

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION- Open Forum

- No additional questions were raised.

CLOSING PRAYER: We give you thanks, Lord, for helping us to learn more and how to love one another. Please help us to always be instruments of your perfect peace in our school. Amen.

With no further questions/discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. by Chris Varady, President.

Next meeting: January 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Lack, Secretary

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