

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 September 3, 2025 meeting
 - A motion was made by Mark Terry and seconded by Susan Kasten to approve the Minutes as previously distributed.

TREASURER REPORT- Mark Terry

- Checking account balance: approximately \$23,000
- Income
 - Dress Down Passes: \$1750
 - Football has raised about \$9000; we will distribute \$4500 to the winners and SAPA will receive \$4500
 - Spiritwear sales for September 1-30 is \$1115.70; SAPA will receive \$111.57
 - Dine to Donate: Scooters raised \$300

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Tenisha Phelps & Marli Nixon

- Saints Spotlight video is ongoing weekly. The team is open to ideas for future videos. Please share the videos!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT- Kylie Gregory

- Completed events:
 - **Dine to Donate: Scooters**
 - **Applefest**
 - Big thank you to Lynne and Mike Adams, all of the organizers, volunteers, donators, and patrons!
- Upcoming events:
 - **Alton City-wide Litter Clean Up**
 - Chair: Ashley Lack
 - Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

St. Ambrose Parents' Association
SAPA Meeting: October 1, 2025
Location: St. Ambrose Community Center

- Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 - You can volunteer for the entire event or the length of time of your choice.
- Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/fsthnwU>
- All students must have a parent/guardian present. This is a great way for students to get their student service hours. No family service hours are given for this event.
- **Halloween Parade**
 - Chairs: Amy & Brad Watts
 - Date: October 31, 2025
 - Theme: Super Block Party (i.e. Mario)
- **Grandparents' Day**
 - Chair: Peggy Kory
 - Date: November 7, 2025
 - It will be an afternoon event with 2 group sessions.
 - Registration and volunteer links will be going out soon.
- **Trivia Night**
 - Chair: Jason Lack
 - Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025
 - Theme: Christmas
 - Volunteer link coming soon.
- **St. Ambrose Community Christmas/Toys for Tots Drive**
 - Chair: Susan Kasten
 - Date: November 30, 2025
 - Location: Krueger's Orchard
- **Family Movie Night**
 - Chair: Chris Varady
 - Date: Friday, December 12, 2025
 - Movie: The Grinch (2018 animated film)
- **Christmas Feast**
 - Chair: Sue Stirnaman and Lauren Hoefert
 - Date: TBD
- **Scholastic Book Fair**
 - We have \$200 expiring 10/25 that needs to be used.
- **Football Raffle**
 - Chair: Matt/Mel Bechtold
 - Event is ongoing
 - Currently raised about \$9000; distribute \$4500 to the winners and SAPA will receive \$4500
- **Spiritwear**
 - Chair: Mel Bechtold
 - September 10% check: \$111.57

DEACON JAY'S REPORT- Jay Wackerly

- Recorded this week's All School Mass so only friends of Aurelius Ambrose can see the Mass live. The Mass video will be posted to the public after Mass is over.
- Planning to have a Parish Wide email (Newsletter) with invitations to volunteer for our various ministries using an updated SOS form [St. Ambrose Stewardship - Service](#). The tentative plan is to put out a monthly note the second week of the month.
- Created a Facebook and bulletin post to acknowledge our 8th graders' good behaviors at Camp Ondessonk.
- Had a Zoom meeting with Ashley with Magis Center. Our 7th & 8th grade "Speak the Faith" aka effective speaking/apologetics is handled by Sophia Teachers. I've received administrative privileges for access to the curriculum. Provided logins for Jennifer Baird (religion) and Abby Wielgus (Language Arts). The plan is to use this curriculum for the 2nd semester.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Bob Baird

- **MAP Testing**
Our annual MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing is scheduled for the week of Oct. 20. Students in grades 3-8 will complete tests in Math, Language Usage, Science, and Reading. St. Ambrose completes MAP testing in the Fall and in the Spring. Individual results will be shared shortly after the completion of testing. Group summary results will not be available until sometime in December.
- **Religion Standards Update**
Recently the Diocese of Springfield shared updated Religious Education standards for schools and PSR programs. These new standards go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Along with Fr. Steve and our Deacons, our faculty are working on implementation plans. These plans will be finalized during the 2nd Semester in preparation for next school year.
- **Security Drill Update**
Additional intruder safety drills were conducted Sept. 24 and 25. From these drills we have improved and updated processes. Following these drills we will regularly remind students of emergency procedures.
- **PR Opportunities**
Recently, Mr. Baird visited with CJ Nasello on *the Daily Show*, and with Mark Ellebracht at WBGZ. During these visits the community was reminded of our Applefest festivities as well as good news from our school. There are opportunities to regularly visit these shows and notify the community of our St. Ambrose happenings.

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- **Scheduled Field Trips**

Several classes have already scheduled field trips for the 25-26 school year. When available, we will continue to utilize MCHS busing. When MCHS buses are not available we will utilize Alton School District buses.

- **Basketball & Cheerleading Update**

At our meeting on 10-1-25, an updated count will be provided with final numbers of participants for basketball and cheerleading. Coaching assignments will also be shared.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was brought forward.

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 6:39 p.m. by Chris Varady, President.

Next meeting: November 5, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Lack, Secretary

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