

KCP Joint Parish Council

January 10, 2026 9:00

Holy Cross Rectory

Vision: Discover, Live and Share Jesus

Attendees:

☒ Father Luke	☒ Steve Meehl, SKD	☒ Eric Miller, SKD
☒ Tom VanHeuklon, HC	☒ Anne Hameister, SKD	☒ Kaitlyn Hill
☒ Rick Vanderloop, SKD	☒ Diane Baumgart, HC	☒ Jason Beilfuss
☒ Tony Bivona, HC	☒ Jessica Poch, HC	

Notes

1. Opened with Prayer
2. Check in: What would you like to see of yourself, our parish, our world?
3. Agenda:
 - a. Question about efforts to reach young adults. Will kick off at Lent.
4. Minutes
 - a. 5.b. Eric attended the annual meeting at St. Mary's (not Holy Cross)
 - b. [6.b.ii](#). Hx is shorthand for History
 - c. 9.d OKR: Objectives, Key Results
 - d. JCP: Joint parish council
 - e. Approved (with corrections)
5. Debrief Christmas Masses.
 - a. Ran out of gift books.
 - b. The children's book was a journal. May have ordered the wrong thing, or the supplier may have delivered the wrong thing.
 - c. Eucharist distribution for the balcony of St. Mary's does not flow well. Jason and Father Luke to look into possible changes.
 - d. Concern over hooks for garland at St. Mary's. Potentially unsafe as hooks are not very secure.
 - e. Some us/them north/south negativity observed. Suggested mitigating by getting ushers from all sites together for a meeting or gathering.
 - f. Suggestion: consider additional ushers to pour on hospitality to welcome "Creasters".
 - g. Attendance for Christmas? Up about 100 at SKD, down about 100 at HC. Possibly due to encouraging people to go to St. Mary's for 4:00 mass (since that site seats the most).
6. Update on finances.
 - a. Ahead of where we were last year: ~\$70k at SKD and ~\$32k at Holy Cross.
 - b. A lot of year end distributions, maybe bonuses.
7. SKD St. Francis project.
 - a. Drawings are in the early stage.
 - b. The diocese requires 3 quotes. Requested preliminary estimates from 3 contractors. Cost estimates will be coming in the next couple months.
 - c. The Diocese offered windows from St. Boniface in Maniwoc. Structurally, they look good, but to uUninstall, refurbish, and reinstall will be a big expense.
 - d. The idea is to create a larger narthex, similar to that at Holy Cross, at the same level as the main body of the church.
 - e. Fundraising committee put together. Quite a bit of money has been committed already.

- f. Feedback from parishioners is good.
- 8. Review of sacramental data
 - a. Churches in the diocese have been losing about 3% per year on average.
 - b. Contributing units down consistently.
 - c. Suggestion: encourage and remind people of the value of a sacramental marriage.
- 9. Review of Joint Parish Council (JPC) and Building and Grounds membership.
 - a. JPC:
 - i. Jessica started 2020. Her 2nd 3 year term will end in June.
 - ii. Anne, Eric ,Tony and Diane started in 2021.
 - iii. Steve started 2022,
 - iv. Tom started 2023.
 - v. Rick started 2024.
 - vi. Jason and Kaitlyn started in 2025.
 - b. Holy Cross is looking for members for the Buildings & Grounds committee.
 - c. SKD could also use a couple more on Buildings & Grounds (currently only 3).
- 10. Buildings and Grounds Updates
 - a. Probably have to replace the boilers at St. Mary's.
 - b. Did not restore pews at St. Mary's, as had been planned (found to not really be necessary), so have some 1 by 1 funds available.
- 11. Staff openings
 - a. Sue Z. will be done July 1. Jackie will be reducing her hours.
 - b. Marriage coordinator still open (since Paul Q. left)
 - c. Some interest already expressed, and others that we would like to talk to .
- 12. St. Ignatius.
 - a. Enrollment flat.
 - b. We want to grow high school attendance. Looking good for 8th graders enrolling next year.
 - c. Open house upcoming.
 - d. Hosting a conference this summer.
 - e. Possible misunderstanding / misinformation regarding school choice program. \$7100.
- 13. Breakfast Bingo.
 - a. Sunday Feb. 8. 10:30 to 2;00.
 - b. Focus has agreed to let us use their parking lot.
 - c. Involving volunteers from Chesterton academy.
 - d. Free will offering will go to Chesterton Rome trip.
 - e. Thinking of adding a basket raffle.
 - f. Popcorn, cotton candy, cash bar.
 - g. Another Breakfast Bingo planned for March 8.
 - h. Not about fund raising. About community.
- 14. Closed with prayer

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