



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23rd, 2025
West Campus, Becker
7:00 pm**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Father Mike, Sandi Ferris, Emily Adelman, Ron Dietl, Scott Marquis, Bill Lyons
 - b. [Parish Council 24-25](#)
3. [Approval of May 2025 Minutes](#)
 - a. Minutes approved - No additions or adjustments
 - b. No meeting was held in July 2025
4. Parishioner Input - None
5. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Finance: Scott
 - i. The committee meets every third Tuesday of the month.
 - ii. Discussed the front door and roof repairs that are needed at the Becker Campus. Clay to push for a resolution with BCI builders. Ask Ryan from BCI. We will move forward. Have not heard back from Clay yet. The plan is to get a bid, then get the permission from the diocese. We need to get this done this fall. Ideally we want it done before winter. The committee will meet in July to finalize the plans and hopefully get them submitted to the diocese so that work can begin.
 - iii. Discussed annual budget. Completed. Annual assessment from the diocese for 2025 did not change. The budget is showing a \$23,000 surplus for 2025 because of the sharing of the salary and housing expenses for Father Mike with St. Marcus.
 - b. Liturgy: Father
 - i. Meeting last week. Discussed the new mass times. Parking was brought up. We may need more space with more people in attendance. Father will contact City Hall in Becker to see if we can use that space and Xcel Energy who uses parts of the Big Lake parking lot. Looking into some parking guides (cones) to show people where to park in Becker and let them know that it is OK to park there.

c. Building & Grounds: Ron

- i. Last meeting that was well attended. Marcel Osonski joined the team. Father Mike had some tasks for others to take care of. Big Lake has two lights out that will need to be replaced and fixed.
- ii. A Flag was ordered and replaced in Big Lake. Will be done every year. This year was a larger one that we have had in the past. Try to have it on Memorial Day each year.

d. Faith Formation: Emily

- i. Revive plans. Lots of questions answered at the Staff with Donuts session. Kevin will host two Town Hall Meetings. One in July in Becker. One in August in Big Lake. Margaret and Kevin are busy coordinating and planning. Registrations are coming in. Price increase will be July 1st.
- ii. The Rebuilt Conference was great. Staff that attended: Amber, Emily, Margaret, Gretchen, and Kevin. It was a really cool experience. 1st day - half day. There was a mass on the first day. They wrote a book about their experience and their journey. There are copies at MOV of the book. There were 5 break out sessions throughout the two and a half days. There was also time for adoration, the rosary, and confessions. Over 500 attendants. A lot of really cool ideas. Great ideas to come back with many applicable ideas and concepts.

e. Knights of Columbus: Bill

- i. Regular meeting. Nominations. Jeff Larch is going to be Grand Knight. Gordy Midas is taking over Norb's responsibilities as financial secretary. Still a lot of groups coming to the Knights asking for money. Can't give anything right now. Maybe they will be able to help next month with the start of the new financial year. Gambling is down.
- ii. Breakfasts will still con

f. Hospitality: Sandi

- i. Nothing to report at this time.

g. Youth Group: Margaret/Sandi

- i. The youth will be going to the Steubenville Conference July 11 – 13th in Rochester, MN.
- ii. The youth leadership continue to engage throughout the summer to plan for the upcoming Revive Sessions.
- iii. Youth Ministry will be implementing the Life Teen model and resources provided through the scholarship. Margaret would
- iv. Training for core team members (adult volunteers) will begin in August.

h. Outreach: Sandi

- i. Nothing new.

i. Grief Group - Amber/Sandi

- i. We are continuing to meet on the second Sunday of each month and have regular attendees. We are looking at getting our grief ministers some professional training.
- j. All Things New Committee - Emily/Sandi
 - i. 2nd meeting - 6 people. One member asked to be removed from the group.
 - ii. AAC changes. Emily is officially a rep. Really looked at data and numbers for all three sites: operating costs, mass counts, etc. How do you ask for money? How do we educate and encourage people to donate? The goal is to adapt and meet all the generations where they are. How can we educate people? Ideas: Ideas to educate people: Information session about finances after mass, education session on technology, articles in the bulletin.
 - iii. Mass changes have affected Cherrywood in Big Lake and Shepherd of Grace in Becker. They need servers. Discussing how we can fill that need. We need people to help with that ministry. If anyone knows of someone who would be willing and be a good fit for that please let us know.
 - iv. Becker All Things New Committee Meetings are held on every 3rd Monday in Becker. The role and goal of the committee can help in sharing the plan that is sent to the diocese. More work will come later. Use their skills after the plan is completed. More people to communicate and advocate the correct and positive information.
- k. Building Project Update
 - i. Discussed above in the Finance Committee Notes
- 6. Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 - a. They wanted to come and present but they didn't respond.
- 7. Future Agenda Items
- 8. Nominations
 - a. 9 - people nominated. There are two vacancies at this time. They will be contacted to see if they are interested. There will be a drawing at a mass mid to end of July.
- 9. Closing Prayer
- 10. No meeting in July. Next meeting August 2