

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: January 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM



## In Attendance

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Andrew Boyd, Samantha Hough, Vanessa Pribil, Spencer Oliva, Ann Labeau, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Phil Thompson, Angela Howard, Courtney Maurer, Lorinda Collings

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Deacon Phillip.

## Commission/Committee Updates

### Worship

Advent and Christmas music were a success. Lorraine led the Thanksgiving children's concert. There was a discussion regarding timing next year. It was asked if it could be done between the two Sunday Masses. This is possible but difficult as this is when Lorraine does the large group practice. It was asked if maybe snacks could be offered for the kids before the concert starts, since that is a long time for them to be hungry. Courtney said that could be offered. The worship commission is now preparing for Lent. There will also be Altar server training will be on the 25th of January.

### Stewardship

Wine and Cheese is on January 17th.

### Discipleship

No meeting until February.

### Evangelization

There was caroling offered before Christmas. Three people attended. The Steubenville attendees held a babysitting fundraiser. Jenny Scheer is bringing back Soul Core during Lent. There are discussions of a chair version of Soul Core to be offered.

### Administration

There has been no meeting, but they have been conversing via email with a focus on reviewing their goals. Fr. Andrzej's bathroom has moved up in priority due to leaking. Dcn John has taken care of the lighting in the library.

### Building Committee

- a. Library project; additional lighting will be placed in the library due to shadowed areas resulting from the new wall. A new 'smart' TV was also installed in the library.
- b. Bids for furniture in the new office have been received.
- c. The cold storage area has been insulated and sheet rocked. Shelving was installed by Bob Wentz and Deacon Walt Wilson; Joyce Williamson organized the room and cleaned out the storage areas. Please thank all of them when you see them.

There was fascia damage from the December wind storm that will be fixed in the summer. The mini fence on the patio was also lost. The road sign was also blown down. Dcn John is exploring solutions. It was requested that Tony make copies of the shed key. It was asked who has keys to the thermostats in the basement as they have been reset - they are set to keep the basement at optimal temperatures.

## **Finance Council Update**

2nd quarter report is coming.

## **New Business**

Steubenville fundraising is going well. About 25% of the money has been raised.

## **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

- a. ReFuel for Catechists, January 23-24 – speak to Angela or Courtney about signing up. A few of the catechists have already signed up. Angela also noted that the Catechist Appreciation Dinner is on Jan 21.
- b. Deanery Day in Hermosa on February 21 – Inspiring a Culture of Excellence in our Parishes
- c. Pastoral Ministry Days will be March 16-17 – Faith Seeking Understanding in the life of the Pastoral Minister  
All are encouraged to attend. Please let Katie know if you will be there.

Extra notes: Chrism Mass will be Monday of Holy Week at 5:30.

There are photo books. Fr. Andrzej said to keep them in the library.

There was discussion of new board books for the children during Mass.

There was discussion of a book return drop box for the library.

There is a lot of old materials in the library; Angela will look to see if anything can be reused.

## **The meeting closed with a prayer.**

Future Meeting Dates: February 12, March 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11