

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 25, 2026

ATTENDED: Joe Bonacci, Fran Cummings, Karen Durand, Flavia Feltner, Rafael Ghattas, Liz Hackett, Bob Jones, Red McDowell, Lisa McLeod, Bill and Nancy New, Mike Niermann, Jim Whiteman,

ABSENT: Trudy Edgington

Opening Prayer: Father Rafa

Father Rafa:

1. Repaint the Hall or replace the oven (Mike #5 & 7)
 - a. There is \$6-7k available for these 2 projects.
 - b. Women's guide to decide which project they would like to do.
 - c. Suggested by Phillipe is to replace with 2 residential gas stoves.
 - d. Paint might be donated
2. AC ducts to be replaced (Mike #3)
 - a. There is water in the ducts when it rains - they need to be replaced.
 - b. Will cost roughly \$7-10K to replace all the duct work.
 - i. Father approves to move forward.
3. Bringing precious blood to all Masses not just 11am
 - a. This will now be at all masses and there will always be a choice of intinction or just the body.
4. Third person for financial council
 - a. We need someone with Finance or accounting background. Joe suggested new parishioners the Gilners - he will speak with them. Red suggested Gabriella Miner (parishioner and diocesan employee)
 - b. Joe wants to set up a meeting with PAS when the next Quarterly report comes out.
5. Hymnal
 - a. Money has been donated and 75 were purchased. We will start using them the first weekend of February - 4th Sunday of Ordinary time.
6. Father will speak about Christ for Life from the altar next week.
7. Social Media/ Website

Ms. Karen:

1. Catholic Schools Week - Celebrating this week with different activities and themes each day.
 - a. Highlights - popcorn with the priest on Vocation day, Baptism at school mass, Diocesan Art Show on Wednesday, Holy/ Hungry hour on Thursday, Friday kickball game and teacher lunch.
2. Lego Robotics Team - headed to State competition on February 14, 2026. Archeology Theme.
3. Knight School - This is a chess club with a structured curriculum from age 4 and up. 20 of our students have joined and many have received scholarships.
4. ESTF/enrolling for 2026-27 school year - this has opened.
5. New Superintendent - start date July 1, 2026. Currently in a diocese in Minneapolis, MN. Father of 5, ranging in ages from 4-19.
6. Auction in April, Page's Okra Grill will provide food.
 - a. Online Auction opens April 11
 - b. Sneak Peak Wine and Cheese - Saturday April 18
 - c. Picnic and Auction Closes at 12pm - Sunday April 19

Mike:

1. What projects will be funded by I-Give Catholic?
 - a. Replacing church HVAC ductwork (\$7-10K)
 - b. Fixing the unlevel sidewalks (less than \$500)
 - c. Painting the Hall or the replacing parish hall oven
 - d. Repairing the Hall entrance canopy (Mike working on getting it fixed - cost about \$1K to replace fabric, checking on cost of complete replacement - fabric and frame)
 - e. KOC Meeting - 2 Fish Fries - February 20 and 27th
 - f. Christ for Life - Retreat is the 5th Week and the Knights will host that lunch.
 - g. Women's guild is hosting all three of the dinner meetings at the parish hall.

Jim:

1. Dates for future council meetings; February 22, March 22, April 26 and May 24
2. Electing new leadership May 24
 - a. Charles Matthewson interested in joining the council.
 - i. Jim to invite Charles to the next meeting to meet council members.
 - b. Jim Cheesborough possible president.
 - c. Call to join council in bulletin

Other:

1. OCIA is growing - 4 people coming in this year over Easter. 3 more joined.
2. 8 couples to be married - Father Found a couple to help with pre-cana