

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 22, 2026

ATTENDED: Joe Bonacci, Fran Cummings, Karen Durand, Flavia Feltner, Rafael Ghattas, Liz Hackett, Charles Matthewson, Red McDowell, Lisa McLeod, Mike Niermann, Jim Whiteman

ABSENT: Sister Trudy and Deacon Bob, Bill and Nancy New

Opening Prayer and House Keeping: Jim Whiteman

Ms. Karen:

1. School activities during Lent: Children using hearts to physically show kindness and hurtful words; school retreat on the Wednesday of Holy Week
2. Upcoming auction details - Online April 11, Wine and Cheese sneak peek on April 18, Paige's Brunch after 11am mass on April 19. Brunch open to everyone
3. Walk for Water - Water is the STEAM focus right now. Last week's STREAM night focused on carrying water and creating a filtering system, there was also a field trip to the Water Missions for our 3-8th grade classes and students signed up to participate in the Walk for Water on Saturday, March 21.

Ms. Fran:

1. Women's Guild would like to keep the stove and paint the Hall - Father spoke with a painting company that will give us paint at cost. Could the Knights of Columbus paint?
2. Max capacity in the loft? - 30 chairs - do they all fit? Should we find a way to remove the organ?
 - a. Take Photo of organ and call Saint Vincent, Fox Music, Facebook

Father Rafa

1. Father would like to have a curtain of some sort to hide the tables and chairs in the hall. Ideas are welcome.
2. Call Pye Barker for Oven Inspection - Talk to Mike about getting the stove/ oven cleaned and calling.

Mike:

1. Which vendor will replace Ductwork?
 - a. 7 estimates - top contender Sergio at AirFitters - \$5,000 to remove everything.
 - b. Father approved - will need to go through the diocese for work.
2. Hall fascia has been repaired.
3. Hall entrance canopy replacement awaiting 50% check - check has been cut and mailed. Installation should be mid March.
4. Bell tower entrance ceiling repair - this is on hold. Not an emergency.
5. Basement windows also need to be sealed.
6. Remote Mass to the hall for overcrowding - waiting on this until church grows more.

Jim:

1. Dates for future council meetings; March 22nd, April 26th and May 24th
2. St John hosting Christ Life March 18th, March 21st (Retreat 9 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.), March 25th and April 1st - Reserve Hall for these Dates

3. Discussion concerning seats on the council and possible Young Adult Ministry
4. Charles Matthewson suggested more scheduled community events especially directed towards Young Adults.
5. Charles Matthewson has been unanimously voted onto the council as the Young Adult Representative.
6. Ed Cummings will be invited to the next council meeting.
7. Electing new leadership May 24:
 - a. Jim Cheesborough and David Hill said no
 - b. No one responded to bulletin Call to Join Council
 - c. Possible presidential candidates: Ed Cummings, David Carroll

Unfinished Business:

1. Third person for finance council - we need someone who understands numbers and finance.
2. Fixing unlevel sidewalk - it's on Mike's list.
 - a. We need to find someone else to help Mike
3. Prayers for Fran's Mom, Peter Dodge and Janet Deavor.

Closing Prayer: Charles Matthewson