

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Council
Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30
p.m.

Mission Statement

Called to be a real presence of Jesus in the Highlands, The Catholic
Community of Saint Francis of Assisi joyfully welcomes all, serves those
in need, and passes on the gifts we have been given.

In attendance – Jeana Koerber, Patrick Cornett, John Klapheke, Neil Gregory, David, Clare Sullivan, Scott U'Sellis, David Buckley, Fr Jon, Diane Butler, Alyssa Sohl, Steve Frommeyer

1. 6:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. 6:35 Review of February 2026 meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved
3. 6:40 New Business
 - a. Service Committee: Prior Structure, Current Status, and Multigenerational Opportunities
 - a. Claire went through past service committees
 - b. Feedback from group on this topic:
 1. Faith club still going strong – group for handicap individuals
 2. Talk to faith and fiber group about doing healing blankets
 3. Parish nurses – Marti Gardner taking blood pressure at doughnuts after church
 4. Deacon advocating for people with medical needs
 5. Newcomers committee needs to be revamped
 - a. Should do since Fr Erdman started and then start doing on a regular basis
 - b. Have one for jubilee?
 6. Fr Jon – Service committee is now Parish life and parish social outreach
 7. Idea would be for Clare to head parish social outreach
 8. Events should be separate from the service committee
 9. Need to do more events – 1 each month
 10. Need to reach out to people who want to be in committees and leaders
 11. Need to look at surveys to see interests
 12. Could PVO be integrated with parish life?
 13. Outreach – went through the existing committees
 14. How to get parish and school to work together?
 15. Will take awhile to ramp this up, but could start doing something – like going to KRM, etc.
 16. Fr. Jon mentioned organization “You are not alone”
 17. Alyssa spoke more about the youth group need, could add service to it to draw young people in, do retreats, etc.
 18. Claire spoke about retreat center in Whitley City
 19. Fr Jon – have highschoolers come back to help with youth group
 20. Clare will chair the social outreach
 21. Diane will not chair, but invite committees to coffee to discuss and hopefully find a leader
 - b. Stewardship – need someone to talk at Mass about why we should give time, treasure, talent to SFA.
 - c. Potential Parish Staffing Expansion
 - a. Fr Jon would like to hire pastoral associate position – role would help Fr on deanery, sacramental records, some communications work, miscellaneous tasks – not full time. Will hold off until archdiocese parish planning occurs.
 - d. Centennial Events
 4. 7:15 Old Business
 - a. Formation Plans
 - a. Need to focus on sacramental prep, and then when parish planning occurs, more action can be taken
 - b. Alyssa would like help with merging school and non-school formation
 - b. Future Meeting Topics: Stewardship?
 5. 7:20 Other Updates from Fr. Jon, Scott U'Sellis, and Steve Frommeyer
 - a. Scott – Scott sent operations update through email
 - b. Holy Thursday Mass – Father asked for volunteers for feet washing
 - c. Steve – gave update on school
 6. 7:30 Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next meeting (Scheduled): Tuesday, April 7, 6:30PM