

Parish Council Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2026

Attending Members: Fr. Erdman, David Buckley, Diane Butler, John Klapheke, Jeremy Garris, Patrick Cornett, John Wieland, Scott U'Sellis, Steven Frommeyer, and Neil Gregory, Clare Sullivan Beatty

Attending Visitor: Patrick Parris, Robert Schmidt, Theresa Horlander

Minute-Taker: John Klapheke

Meeting began with prayer at 6:32PM.

Topic 1: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from Prior Meeting (6:33PM)

- Motion was unanimously approved.

Topic 2: Financial Council Presentation by Theresa Horlander & Robert Schmidt (6:34PM)

- Theresa reviewed comparison of parish and school budget from current end June 2026 and upcoming year end June 2027.
- There was a large increase of benefits for health insurance; Archdiocese told Stacy this has increased 18-20% since January 2026.
 - This rate should be 10-12% by January 2027.
- The Finance Council has planned for a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Topic 3: Old Business (7:03)

- Deanery parish planning feedback meeting occurred at St. Raphael last month.
- Leaders from multiple parishes seemed in consensus that more substantial reorganization steps may be needed to meet overall Archdiocesan goals.
- Next updates will now take place in November 2026.

Topic 4: Other Updates from Fr. Jon, Scott U'Sellis, and Steve Frommeyer

- Patrick Parris is new pastoral associate for SFA (not OLSJ).
 - Slightly updated position responsibilities from previous arrangements. The pastoral associate works with volunteer coordination and strengthening committee structure.
- Stacy is now business manager (formerly bookkeeper).
- Parish Council Membership.
 - David Buckley, Patrick Cornett, and John Klapheke will rotate off of Council this summer. New Council members and leadership to be announced shortly.
- The council will hold Stewardship Planning after summer, around SFA feast.
 - Materials are ready for publishing.
- Parish Council needs to address an approach for next fiscal year fundraising events (e.g., Fall Festival and Beer Fest).
 - Parish Council will consider whether future fundraising events might be conducted during winter as a homecoming/raffle/super-centennial celebration.
 - This will be tabled presently and discussed at the next meeting.

Topic 5: Moving Forward & Scheduling

- Council proposes meeting on August 4 at 6:30PM.
- SFA starts back to school on August 13.
- Import from Scott's notes:
 - Church AC system: chiller system will be installed per recommendation of United Mechanical to take place in September/October. Insurance check has been received.

- Permanent electrical installation of church's AC project will take place next week (7/13/2026). Once installed, this will enable the wires draped along the front of the rectory to be removed. Insurance will cover; funds already received.
- The second of the main church speakers has been shipped to manufacturer for repair. Once returned, installed, and programmed, SFA will determine if the proposed additional speakers are needed.
 - If needed, this project will be funded by several generous parishioners.
- Landscape installation & upkeep is ongoing on Rutherford side of the church. Varieties of plants & ground cover are part of the design. The St. Francis statue is included in the project. Goal is beautify the areas with relatively low maintenance.

Topic 6: Closing Prayer & Adjourn

- Closing prayer & adjourn 7:36PM
- End of meeting minutes