

MINUTES OF THE HOLY REDEEMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

June 30, 2025



Council members present: Dianne Connelly, Liz McCarte (Council Secretary), Rita Shields, Ron Weishaar (Council Chair), Linore Dudik, Amanda Constant, Beth Norcross, Teresa Lim, Deacon Art LaChance and Father Sullivan. Janet Holden also joined the meeting.

- A. The meeting started at 5:30 PM. Father Sullivan led the group in an opening prayer.
- A. The preliminary results of the parish survey conducted at the June 14th and 15th masses were presented by Liz McCarte and Ron Weishaar.
 - The survey was available in paper form in the church, by a link in Flock notes to Google forms and on the Parish website. There were fewer responses (65 to date with some additional web and paper surveys to be added) than the survey conducted in 2023 when approximately 110 surveys were returned. It was suggested that people may have “survey fatigue”, which should be a consideration when scheduling the next parish survey.
 - Overall, the results and comments were very favorable with particular note of Holy Redeemer providing a welcoming environment and improvement in music.
 - Final survey results will be distributed in the next few weeks.
- B. Janet Holden discussed the need for “hosts” to seat people in church during the busy summer months. The Mass greeters may be able to help with this, however more volunteers are needed.
- C. Preliminary results of the election for Parish Council have been received. Ballots are still being collected and Ron expects the final results will be announced in the next several weeks.
- D. Father Sullivan discussed the Bishop’s visit on July 15th. The Small Faith Sharing Group is working on final preparations for the event, with 139 people signed up so far. Father Sullivan also mentioned that he recently attended a Rebuilt conference (together with Deacon Art LaChance, Teresa Lim, Jeff Bernard and Ron Weishaar) and observed a number of Parishes are just starting the formation of Small Groups.
- E. Ron, Dianne Connolly, and Linore Dudik attended a Parish Council workshop sponsored by the Diocese. They observed Holy Redeemer Parish is well situated with the number of ministries and people participating. They stated that a number of the suggestions made at the workshop have already been implemented in our Parish.
- F. Father Sullivan shared great news about Deacon Art becoming full time staff due to the generosity of donors. This will help “more dreams become reality.” The Council was delighted to hear this news.

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- G. With this being the last meeting of the current Council, Ron asked for suggestions to give the new council for the way forward. A recommendation was made for the new Council to review the Pastoral plan and Diocesan regulations as a starting point.
- H. Father Sullivan concluded the meeting with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz McCarte
Council Secretary