

Parish Council Meeting

March 20, 2025

Minutes

Attendees:

Fr. David Micheal	Carla Mischel	Michael Pham
Fr. Felix Kiko	Jim Crandal	Bill O'Donnell
Connor Keegan	Russ Fromherz	Danielle Pourchot
Marie Fromherz	Ruth Longcore	Zara Rolle
Ed Strickland	Kristin Mareno	Dr. Susan Kehoe

I. OPENING PRAYER - Fr. David

II. Minutes for February 20, 2025, meeting - Approved

III. PASTOR'S REPORT, Fr. David

- The first meeting of the Building and Grounds committee will be scheduled soon.
- Fr. David discussed the need for volunteers for the hospitality ministry and suggested having each ministry share its experiences. We will start with the Security Ministry, led by Jeff Lofy, after Easter, May 2nd (which is not Mother's Day).
- Fr. David noted the parish mission dates and the importance of avoiding scheduling conflicts. The mission will take place from May 3 to 8, with different nights for each session. Led by the priest from Kentucky and the Fathers of Mercy.
- Fr. David announced changes in the daily Mass schedule to increase attendance. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 AM. Wednesday & Friday 10:30 AM.
- The Annual Diocesan Volunteer Recognition Dinner is approaching and asks for names of deserving volunteers from each ministry. Each ministry is required to nominate at least one volunteer from its ranks for recognition. The diocesan deadline was March 25th.
- New Bible study every Tuesday @ 6:30 time didn't work. Only **one person** showed up. Changing the day to Thursday at 6:30 to see if more people show up.
- The Sacristan manages ushers and ministers.
- The Parish Picnic in August needs to be planned.

IV. Administrator's Report, Connor Keegan

- Security Grant bugs have been fixed, and all FEMA's requested changes have been made. We are now awaiting their second approval to proceed.
- We've reviewed the Building & Grounds Committee's preliminary outlines regarding its structure and potential projects for the church, office, CDC, and other areas. Final decisions are still pending. Father David is considering inviting individuals to the council for participation.
- The grounds committee will manage all five campus buildings. Minor repairs may be handled at low cost, but unnoticed issues could lead to significant expenses for more extensive repairs.
- Connor researched our bookkeeping software and Parish Soft's fixed assets module, which integrates with our system to manage church asset logs and profiles. It seems useful, but we'll address it when necessary.
- Rectory renovation is almost complete. Waiting for the final invoice.

V. Finance Committee, Jim Crandal and Bill O'Donnell

- The finance committee recommended approving Danielle to finalize a \$320,000 contract with High Five Construction for a bathroom remodel, addressing health department violations and ensuring ADA compliance. The board will review the contract.
- The next steps include finalizing the contract and presenting it to the diocese for approval of funding
- A QR code for donations was proposed and approved, with plans to place it in the narthex and on pew cards, and it will be ready for Easter.
- The Finance Committee highlighted the importance of budget line items for ministries and discussed the possibility of donating assets like cars and boats. They also considered involving financial experts for mandatory distributions.

VI. President's Report, Ed Strickland

- Discussed the necessity of security badges for volunteers and ushers for identification at each mass.
- New badges have been received and are ready for use.
- Recommended organizing a parish town hall to educate and involve parishioners in the council's activities and future plans.
- Meeting minutes will be shared on the parish website and via email to keep parishioners informed. A new webpage is being created for easy downloads of
- Stations of the Cross and Soup dinners are going well.

- All ministries are on track for their events.
- We need more hospitality events to engage new residents and parishioners.

VII. Parish Life & CDC, Zara Roff & Kristen Moreno

- St. Patrick's Day dinner was a success. They cooked 120 corned beef.
- Family Camping Annual Event, July 25-26, at Stampede Reservoir.
- State Accreditation coming up in July
- CDC Graduation on June 6 in the grass area
- Fall Festival—School, CDC, and Parish Life are collaborating to make it happen. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

VIII. Ministry Reports

Hispanic Ministry

- Michael Pham stated that the Bible study had about 10 people.

Knights of Columbus, Ed Strickland

- This Man is You is still in progress. Six more weeks to go, somewhere within that time frame, around 6 am.
- Vitalant Blood Drive on March 9. The goal was 16 donors. We achieved our goal, which translates to 48 doses. As they say. So that's good. This is part of the Knights' Respect Life program.
- Supporting the Scouts with the Fish Fry coming up next month.
- Free Throw competition for ages 10-14 years old. It's all done by age group. With a shootout. We've been working with Greg, the PE teacher; he's been very helpful.
- Stations are going as planned.

Sacraments

- Confirmation is on June 7 at 4:00 p.m. mass. It will be very crowded.
- First Communion is May 18

Scouting, Russ Fromherz

- April 4th Fish Fry
- Need volunteers for interviews on March 30th
- Annual Spring Cleanup with the School. An Eagle project will also be completed that day.
- Memorial Day Flags @ Our Mother of Sorrow Catholic Cemetery

School, Dr. Susan Kehoe & Danielle Pourchot

- Pizza with the Padre school version is going very well. The students have been asking questions.

- The Regional Spelling Bee at Bishop Minogue featured talented sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Sixth and eighth-grade representatives won for the region, securing a trip to Las Vegas. Participating schools included Sage Ridge, Davidson Academy, and local charter schools.
- Tuition was raised by \$400 for the next school year. It is now \$6,000 per year per student.
- New student and kindergartener registrations are coming in.
- The new sound system in the gym is fabulous. Thank you, Knights. The microphones are very expensive, at \$700 each, so they are carefully guarded.
- The new wall padding in the gym is nice, funded by the PTO.
- Need a new part-time handyman for the school; Mel is moving to South Carolina.
- The Gala is coming along; we still need sponsors and a clean-up crew for after the event.
- Going back to paper for the silent Auction, due to computer issues. Using Gala funds for a new intercom and emergency system.
- The custom paver project is ongoing, with the intention of showcasing it at the Fall Festival.

Bereavement Ministry, Ruth Longmore

- A couple of funerals this month.
- Looking to have families who have experienced loss come forward during a mass.

RCIA

- 14 baptisms

St. Al's GALS

- April's meeting was canceled due to it falling during Holy Week
- GALS donated gift cards to make a bouquet for the Gala.
- Learned how to make handmade cards to donate to Creative Kindness to donate to those in need as a service project
- Will be sponsoring a table at the Women's Choices Tea
- The May meeting will be held at the May Arboretum, where we will walk through the grounds while praying the rosary and enjoying the Spring flowers.
- June's meeting will be a fun event, as we play miniature golf.
- July's meeting will be our annual Ice Cream Social.

****Next Meeting will be May 15th at 5:30 pm**

*****Possible Emergency Meeting in April to Approve the Bathroom Contract. Please keep an eye out for an email with this information.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.