Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Council Minutes

May 19, 2026

Attendance

The following members were present at the meeting: Adam Koesters, Chuck Wendel, Lisa Buschur, Sue Fortkamp, Matt Wuebker, Kristy Hess, Ron Stucke, Ryan Schmackers, and Tess Mescher.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved by the council. The financial report was also reviewed and approved.

Christ Our Light Family of Parishes Unified Council Update

A discussion was held regarding the Unified Council Maintenance Plan, which aims to anticipate future building and maintenance needs for each parish. First Onsite will conduct walk-throughs to help create a 10-year maintenance plan.

Maintenance Report

- The council reviewed the tile project and the issue of water in the basement. A quote was obtained, and approval was granted to move forward with the project. Cy Schwieterman Inc. and Craig Tuente will be responsible for the work.
- Ron spoke with Tony Homan about making repairs to the rectory porch soffit once the tile project is completed.
- The bottom step leading into the sacristy is deteriorating. Ron and Ryan will explore repair options, including the possibility of relocating unused steps from the west side to the damaged east side.
- There is wind damage to the west side steeple. The council is waiting to hear back from Wellman Bros and the insurance company regarding repairs.
- Ryan obtained quotes and test-drove new mowers. The council agreed to purchase a new 54” Kubota model Z42.54 from Affolders.
- Maintenance for the gravel driveways at the graveyard was discussed. The council will continue to spray weeds and apply gravel as needed.

Old Business

- Mason Hess will complete his Eagle Scout project this summer. He presented his ideas to the council, which include redoing flower beds, replacing some bushes, and substituting mulch with lava rock. Mason worked with Kathy Dirksen and Don Mescher for additional ideas and suggestions. The project also includes the possibility of grinding down uneven areas of sidewalks or painting a contrasting stripe or step to improve safety. The work is scheduled for this summer. The parish council agreed to cover any remaining balance after Mason’s fundraising efforts with other parish groups.

New Business

- Names of candidates for new officers will need to be gathered before the next meeting. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin in July.
- The parish party is scheduled for September 13, following the 8:30 AM Mass. CFL hall has been reserved by Sue.

Next Meeting

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026.