Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025

Opening Prayer

Silent Roll Call
Parish Council: Amy Bergman, Stacie Enneking, Steve Gruber, Joel Wuebker, Beth Mescher, John Stechschulte, Fr. Ken Schnipke, Emilie Winner, Derek Spieles, Jeff Stammen
Absent: None

Standing Commissions: Jana Ranly, Kay Schmiesing
Absent: Jacque Borchers, Ike Hoying, Major Bernhold

Visitors: None

Approval of Minutes
The PPC council members motioned electronically to accept the May 2025 PPC meeting minutes.

Standing Commission Reports

Building & Maintenance - Ike Hoying (absent – written report submitted after meeting)

- New ADA ramp and concrete north of the church - Woehrmyer pouring and Tom and Jerrys installing ice melt for the next three weeks
- Front entry restoration - Jeff Meyer working on numbers for front retaining walls design cost
- Steeple Repair - Wellman Start project Aug 2025 Completion Aug 2026
- Security at Church - August Start-Greg to contact
- Light Poles - We have one quote from Buschur Electric 2nd quote coming from Area Electric
- Rectory Roof Replacement Completed
- Entry Doors Replacement - Ready for replacement mid-September
- Snow removal - Need additional quotes
- Rectory soffit - According to our records this was re-painted in 2011 believe the best option is to repaint. Greg and Rich can get quotes on having it painted
- Discussed the need for insulation above ceiling grid in the upstairs at Rectory. B and M needs to look at this

Education Commission - Jana Ranly

- VBS was a great success! Thank you to the Mission Commission for helping pay for the awesome VBS t-shirts and thank you to The Holy Haus for being a part of our Vacation Bible School!
- First school Mass is tomorrow 8/20. We could use a few more Wednesday morning Eucharistic Ministers for our sub list. Kindergarten will have their Kindergarten Roundup next Tuesday 8/26. That is when they will see where to sit in church, meet

their catechist, see their classroom and check out the church bus. They will come to Mass on 8/27.

- All of our catechist positions have been filled! We have 3 classroom aids and are looking for a 4th.
- 7th and 8th grade will do a rotation schedule this year: each teacher will teach 7ish lessons to each of the 3 sections. This helps the teachers better understand and learn their content while lessening the amount of prep needed. It gives students a chance to know and learn from all 3 teachers.
- We are growing quickly! We have 71 second graders enrolled in our program with 2 more second grade homeschool students! This is the largest class size we've ever had! 2nd grade sacraments will be very full this year!
- Every classroom is being used this year. We have moved to 2 Jr/Sr classes instead of 3. These classes are very large but we did this to allow for 3 sections of 7th grade and 3 sections of 8th grade.
- Confirmation Enrollment Mass will be on 9/14 at 9:00Mass followed by the Confirmation Sanctifeyed Retreat in Montezuma. This is put on by Dr. John Wood and family and will run from 1:00-4:00.
- With limited applicants for a Youth Minister we are now searching for an Activities Coordinator to help with some of the organization and behind the scenes tasks to support the existing ministries and help foster new ones. This would be a flexible, paid role, approximately 5 to 10 hours a week and could be easier to find than a YM to do it all.
- The Reuben booth is still in need of workers. Please spread the word and sign up here: https://signup.com/m/#/edit/spot/5840760

Cemetery Board - Jacque Borchers (written report)

- The July meeting was held out at the cemetery maintenance building, as it is every year. We use some of the meeting time to walk through the cemetery and view projects that have been completed and also talk about some possible upcoming projects we think need to be done.
- Keith Pohl, cemetery board chairperson, has signed paperwork with Woehrmyer Concrete to have the next five rows of continuous foundation poured in the western most section. Work to begin in late August and continue through the fall as Woehrmyer has time.
- Mike Schulze has been repairing/replacing tombstone footers/foundations as needed or per request of the families. He has also straightened several headstones as part of the Herkenoff foundation grant project.
- Mike is also trying to repair some turn radius' in the main east/west driveway just south of the maintenance building. He has used some crushed up asphalt which is much more economical than the quote we received to pour new concrete. We will see how it holds up over the next few months.
- We continue to use a "wet it and forget it" spray to apply to the aged, dirty tombstones to help with the clean-up process. There was a short discussion about

asking one of the Boy Scouts to see if one of them might be interested in making that their Eagle Scout project.
- We received a request from a parishioner about the possibility of being able to add some more engraved symbols on a columbarium niche door. The request is to be able to add an engraved cross or flower. We currently allow a US flag for the military and wedding bands to symbolize a married couple . We will discuss further at our September meeting

Mission Commission - Kay Schmiesing
- No meeting this month – last meeting was July 7th with 27 members attending
- Garage Sale was July 21-23 and went well. Results reported next month. Angel Program families were offered the opportunity to come on Tuesday and Wednesday and fill a carton. A coffee truck vendor was on hand to offer products during the sale.
- MC paid for the bright colored "Glow for Jesus" t shirts for 220 Vacation Bible School attendees
- We will be purchasing new tables and chairs for the Parish Center
- MC donated hygiene bags to the school following a request by the nurse. Bag is filled body wash, wash cloth, shampoo, deodorant, comb/brush.
- Next meeting is September 8th.

Finance Commission - Major Bernhold (brief written notes)
- 1.2 million on the balance sheet
- Steeple fundraiser went exceptionally well
- Halls of Hanover opportunity faces many obstacles

PPC Committees

Parish Ministry Committee - Stacie Enneking
- Ministry Fair to occur next year (every two years)

EAP/ASP Committee - Steve Gruber/John Stechschulte
- Relayed form Leslie – Materials for the locks, cameras and buttons are purchased. Schedule should be set by end of August. Project completed by end of September.

Elections Committee – Amy Bergman
- Working on a summary of terms and ending dates for all nine PPC members

Unified Pastoral Council Update - Stacie Enneking/Emilie Winner
- Unified Council participated in a retreat at St Charles. This included a tour and many teachings on the Precious Blood charism. Well received by all.

Old Business

Steeple Preservation Update - John Stechschulte

- Latest progress is 590 donors and pledges totaling $905k!
- Total project is $950k so generous giving will mean that less has to come from the parish fund, additional work can be done, or both.
- PC applauded the generosity of the parish and the dedication and success of the Committee to get us to this point! Many, many thanks!

St John Support – all

- PC asked Fr Ken if we could do anything at this time to help St John parishioners continue to worship and practice their faith in the aftermath of the fire. He advised continuing to pray and wait and see what options were defined and chosen.

New Business

Halls of Hanover – Steve Gruber

- Parish was approached with the opportunity to buy Halls of Hanover. Because of the need for additional classroom and activity space, initial discussions on the opportunity began. Unfortunately, there is a significant mismatch between the intent of the owner to continue serving existing tenants, and the church's rules about no for-profit tenants.
- Other alternatives, including leasing classroom space from the current owner was discussed.

Comments from Father Ken

- 180 Priests from the Archdiocese attended a convocation called by the new Archbishop Casey. Priests has a favorable reaction to the Archbishop's message and leadership as they get to know him better.
- Archbishop Casey is having meetings with each Deanery and will be coming to meet with ours soon.
- The COL staff had a retreat and fellowship event at Earl's Pavillion. They reviewed three-year goals and learned each others roles and responsibilities.
- Stewardship Commission is coming together and is planning a retreat.
- The air conditioning should be repaired at Holy Redeemer in 3-4 weeks.

This Year's Meeting Dates: 8/19/25, 10/21/25, 1/20/26, 3/17/26, 5/19/26 — **All at 7:00pm**

Closing Prayer

Executive Session – not required