St. John Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

Attending: Gary, Bill, Michelle, Barb, Angie, Trent, Doug, Jenny, Liz, Sue

1. Opening Prayer

2. Committee Reports
   a. CCD & Religious Education (Chris Wibbenmeyer)

      a. We welcomed new member Brian Gross to the commission.
      b. In conjunction with the St. John Ladies Sodality, we will be taking over the Cake Wheel at the Countryfest. There is a committee that is handling everything.
      c. Sunday morning preschool will take place from 9:15 am to 10:15 am on Sunday mornings starting in the fall.
      d. Catechists are needed in the following grades for the 2025-2026 catechetical year: (1) 5th, (1) 6th, (1 male/1 female) 10th and (1) 11th.
      e. Registration for CCD will be online this year using Final Forms. This will be for all parishes in our family. Registration opens on May 12th.
      f. We ended the year with May Crowning on May 7th and the Baccalaureate Mass for seniors on May 11th.
      g. Chris Wibbenmeyer has submitted his resignation as our Coordinator of Religious Education after completing 7 years of ministry to our parish. The job posting for this position will be made available soon.

   b. CYO (Sarah Mescher & Jen Meyer) No update
   c. Men's Sodality (Troy Homan) No Update
   d. Bereavement (Ann Everman)
      a. Deb Heitkamp has taken Gene Thobe's position
      b. Gene will help where needed
   e. Finance (Alan Wolters) No update
      a. Michelle read financial update sent by Sue

      Cash & Investments

General Operating Account	$130,008.16	
Maintenance Fund Account	$ 67,500.32	
Investment Savings Cincinnati		$342,377.18
St. John Cemetery Operating		$ 33,849.00
Total		$573,734.66

Roof donations = $13,989.58

f. Maintenance & Grounds (Kelly/Frank Evers)
   a. Completed Project:
   b. West Door-new door/frame

   c. Work in Progress Projects:
   d. New Roof Project
   e. Cutting down front tree
   f. Mulch-request to mulch again this year (even though we did last year). TBD
   g. Front steps-paint yellow safety line is faded and almost gone (timing spring/summer)

   h. Future:
   i. Grade/finish/gravel parking lots (Brookside)
   j. Cut down trees by west cemetery property line (see Cemetery below)
   k. Once roof is done check ceilings and make sure no rain damage needs repaired
   l. Ramp-20+ years old, crack-rain runs down into basement (Consult Rethman Brothers needed)

   m. Bulletin has ad to look for maintenance committee members.

g. Cemetery (Randy Wolters)
   - Talked to Tom F. about trees he brought up at last meeting. These are in section C and are fine for a few more years before removal needed. Will probably address and remove at same time we start adding new rows to section C.
   - Have a high school student looking at doing an Eagle Scout project for an entrance sign to cemetery. Currently they are evaluating design options. Once there is a design we will pass along the PC for review as well.
   - Scaffolding fell during wind storm and hit a few headstones, got lucky and relatively no damage. A few will need straightening later this fall.

h. Ladies Sodality (Katie Rosenbeck) No update

2. New Business:

   a. Landscaping
      a. Received quotes from Pleiman Landscaping for Mary Statue Garden, Prayer Garden and West of church. PC is questioning pricing. Would like to get additional quotes.

b. Decided to hold off on landscaping until fall when scaffolding from roof is removed and possible new quotes are obtained.
c. Discussed clematis climbing on both sides of the priest house front porch. They need supports to climb. Michelle will check with the priest to see if installing something may affect their view or should they just be removed.

b. Organ maintenance/repair issues that will need to be addressed in the next 10 years. Highest priority would be replacing the oboe stop at an estimated $33k and toning down the mixture stops would be approximately 30K. again not immediate issues but Lima Pipe Organ Company suggest addressing in the next 10 years
    a. Parish council advised to send to finance committee to start planning for this future repair
c. CRE Chris Wibbenmeyer has stepped down.
d. Anthony Moeder has stepped down as organist.
e. Possible Eagle Scout project at the cemetery entrance.
    a. Trent discussed his son's, Oliver, ideas for this Eagle Scout project. Trent also brought current design idea. Parish council agreed it looks like a nice project. Will need to be complete by September per Trent.
f. Unified Parish Council Update
    a. COL Family Photo Directory- In review process-which will take likely 2-3 rounds- 20 days after each round and then once finalized 40 days.
    b. Review minutes of last meeting 4/10/25

3. Old Business:

a. New Roof Update:
    1. Wellman Bros. Started at the end of March 2025 and progressing. Roof replacement, painting of eaves and estimated work to be completed by middle of July 2025.
    2. Discussed change to current repair quote. Wellman's informed Doug the current snow guards are rustier and more worn than they thought. Suggested installing snow pads instead. This was a cost effective change as it was $9,500 instead of the $9,800 to repair, sand & paint the snow guards.
    3. Parish council voted and all in favor of change order for snow pads.
b. West parking lot entry way door projected has been completed. Moeller doors did the project and gave a $950 discount, total project cost was $3214.10. We paid $2264.10 - Thank You Moeller Door Sales. Will need to check the autostop on the door which seems to hold door open.
c. Piano and choir loft updates on hold until new organist hired.
d. Snow removal Dan Heitkamp last year will be 2025-2025 winter, need to find new for 25-26 winter. It has been in the bulletin since 4/13/25. No responses

yet. Will post on Facebook to see if we can get any more attention to this issue.

e. Cemetery Property/Bertke purchase – property has closed and check has been put into the cemetery account.
f. Maintenance committee: Jeff and Nance Luebke have volunteered to help with landscaping part of the maintenance committee, have not had any other volunteers.
    - Water in basement under church at times,
    - parking lines in west parking lot need repainted
    - Yellow/reflective paint at the edge of the front steps is faded.
    -pear tree coming down
    Parish council will reach out to several individuals to see if there is any interest.
g. The gravel south of the church in the parking lot has been 5 or 6 years since replaced. Maintenance committee received a quote from Brookside, using the existing stone to fix the potholes, which will be 4 to 6 hours of work at $95 an hour. Once that is complete would review to see if more stone is needed. Need to approve this quote or deny.
    a. Parish Council voted and all approved to have Brookside add gravel to parking lot.
h. Round Table

4. Next Meeting –September 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm in Rectory basement

5. Closing Prayer- Hail Mary