

KR County Line Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 11. 2025, 7:00pm
St. Francis Xavier

Present: Steve Erich, Larry Pielski, Gina Halter, Lynn Johnsen, Mary Jane Andersen, Jackie Fonk, Mike Leshok, Jean Petersen, Ellen Galvan, Sue Ludwig, Cary Madrigal, Fr. Hugo, Fr. Joe, Cathy Jacobs, Susie Myers, Jason Myers.

Excused: Paul Rommelfaenger, Jane Serdynski, Glen Bordak.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

I. Opening Prayer: Father Hugo

II. Motion made by Jean Petersen to approve February minutes, seconded by Jackie Fonk, and carried.

III. Parish Administrator's report: Father Hugo

St. John's meeting regarding the separation of St. John's from our parish cluster last week was informational only. Steve Erich, Fr. Hugo, Fr. Joe, and Vicar Reesman were in attendance.

Meeting went well according to Fr. Hugo. The St. John parishioners that were in attendance want to start being informed of the information coming from the archdiocese. There is no timetable at this time for the separation of St. John's from our parish cluster. Finance committee is creating a line-item budget to see what finances allow.

St Robert's served 478 fish fry meals and the archbishop was in attendance.

St. Mary's is graciously donating their 40% of the fish fry proceeds to St. Robert's this year per Finance committee decision. St. Mary's roof project is going to proxy and Holy Week schedule is all set.

IV. Director of Administration: Mike Leshok

It was decided to hold off on the door bell replacement at SRB and leave the entrance unlocked during business hours.

So far, three second collections have brought in \$8816.00 for the water main repair at SRB.

Concrete repair will be covered by insurance.

St. John's had one Automatic Emergency Defibrillator donated and \$1500 donated for a second unit. Cary reminded us that the batteries for an AED have an expiration date, are not inexpensive, and will need to be checked on a routine basis.

Gas leaks were detected at St. John's, (daycare and boiler room), fire department checked this and leaks were repaired. The daycare also had a roof leak which was repaired by Van's Roofing.

V. Old Business

- A. Chamber of Commerce: Cathy Jacobs reported that she signed KR Catholics up for the Silver Membership at \$565.00, which will need to be renewed annually. This includes all four parishes and St. Sharbel, and will provide advertising for parish events such as festivals, fish fry's, Quad Quilters and Knights of Columbus special events, just to name a few.
- B. Parish Census: Each church is still working on this.
- C. Council Elections coming up in May. Committee will be formed to run this.

VI. New Business

- A. Holy Land Art sale: We are looking at July 18th and 19th , 2025 to have Blest Art come to our churches. We were informed that Little Bethlehem is NOT a legitimate company. Blest Art is legit. Fr. Hugo will also be checking on another company that he knows.
- B. Mission Cooperation Plan Assignment: Divine Word Missionaries will be visiting our parishes for a weekend coming up this summer. Father Hugo will speak with them and finalize a weekend.
- C. Spring clean-up for SRB kitchen will be run by Mary and Blane Petersen in June following the SRB Festival, and will take place over a couple of weeks. Volunteers will be needed. Supplies will be donated by Mary and Blane.
- D. Parish Leadership Protocol: Deacon Jason Myers brought up the fact that we need a Code of Ethics form to be signed by anyone that holds an office, chairs a committee, or in any way serves a parish. Jason is putting one together and these will be available by spring elections.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. SRB: Watermain break is taken care of. Large water bill is due in July. Fr. Hugo has been doing pulpit pleas for donations.
- B. SFX: Carpets have been cleaned, committee settled on metal shingles for the new roof, they're setting up to repair the parking lot, and the windows will be newly caulked and painted and a proxy is being created for this.
- C. SJB: Broken windows in back of church and old school will be repaired by a parishioner. A proxy is being created for daycare fencing and new playground equipment, and discussions continue regarding what can and can't be afforded with the upcoming separation of SJB from KR Catholics.
- D. SMA: Successful Lasagna Dinner, finances are in good condition. Planning on repairing the church roof and parking lot across the street from the church this summer.
- E. Christian Formation: High School Mission trip to Montague, MI, Middle Schoolers doing work at SRB, and then the Youth Conference in Steubenville.

- F. Our Lady's Rosary Makers: Over 1500 rosaries made and sent to third world countries in past year.
- G. Human Concerns and Discipleship committees talking about increasing Kringle/Donut Sundays. SMD is third Sunday of the month. Rose sale May 11th, and April Sharing Sunday will go to the Union Grove Food Bank.
- H. Pastoral Associate: Three Confirmands and One Catechumen in Adult Formation. Changing Baptisms from Saturday to Sunday and will take place during Mass. Rescue Mission ran by Kathi was very successful with lots of good feedback. Might do again next year.
- I. St. Sharbel: Vera reports that Stations of The Cross and Potluck will be held each Friday during Lent at SJB. Healing Mass will be held March 23 @ noon with brunch to follow. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Small children are free. April 12th, volunteers will be sewing Angel Gowns from 5:00-9:00 pm, at SJB, and are accepting donated wedding gowns for the construction of these tiny outfits designed for babies who have died shortly after birth. There will be someone there to teach us how to make these. Bring your sewing machine if you are able. Lebanon Pilgrimage with Father Joe, from Sept 6-18th, will cost \$1500.00 and airfare.

VIII. Next Meeting April 8th at 7:00pm, St. Mary of The Assumption

Closing prayer: Father Joe
Meeting ended 9:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Galvan, Secretary,
KR Catholic Parish Council Secretary