

**KR County Line Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Location: St. Robert Bellamine**

Present: Fr Hugo, Mary Kay Walsh, Larry Pileski, Jean Petersen, Linda DeBrabander, Mark Niccolai, Dianne Funk, Jane Serdynski, Tom Czerniak, Glen Bordak, Chris Franco, Patty Wier, Nicole Friesema, Cathy Jacobs, Donna Jaworski and Rachel Hagen

Excused: Mike Leshok and Lynn Johnsen

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm by Jane Serdynski, SMD Parish Trustee

1. Opening Prayer: Jane Serdynski

Election of officers for 2026/2027

Parish Council Officer Job description and Council and Trustee Contact information were emailed to Parish Council members on 7/8/2026.

- a. Chairman – nominated Tom Czerniak and Cathy Jacobs. Paper vote was taken by parish council members and Tom Czerniak was elected as Chairman and he accepted position.
- b. Vice Chairman – nominated Cathy Jacobs and Nicole Friesema. Paper vote was taken by parish council members and Cathy Jacobs was elected as Vice Chairman and she accepted position.
- c. Secretary – nominated Donna Jaworski and Patty Wier. Patty Wier declined and parish council vocally approved Donna Jaworski and she accepted position.

2. Approval of prior month minutes:

Jane Serdynski will correct the June 16, 2026 minutes per council members recommendations. A motion was made by Glen Bordak to approve the corrected June 16, 2026 minutes, seconded by Chris Franco motion carried.

3. Parish Administrator/Pastor Report: Fr Hugo

We have 8 candidates for RCIA. SJB – Picnic in Paris is July 25 from noon to 8 p.m. and mass at 4 p.m. SFX – renovations of the church have been approved by SFX parishioners directly through the leadership by Mary Kay Walsh. Work is to be done by Conrad Schmidt. SMD – Pork Chop dinner August 9. Personnel Committee – consensus of parish council members to make recommendations to Father and personnel committee to consider position of support for Mike Leshok. 4th of July Parade in Union Grove - Fr Hugo extended a thank you to all volunteers who helped organize the float Glen Bordak (truck), Jean Petersen (float/trailer) and that the koozies were very popular. It was a great way to show our Catholic faith! New parishioner bags are being distributed by KR staff members when new parishioners sign up.

4. Director of Administration Report: Mike Leshok

No report – Mike on vacation.

5. **Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

Mike Leshok suggested to Jane Serdynski that all parishes should have some kind of Emergency Planning. Discussion by parish council members to work on a plan for weather during masses, events, and one for intruders. Need a written plan in place to include floor plans, evacuation, training and posting it in the building. Tom Czerniak assigned each parish council member to find out what each parish has in place and bring this information to the September meeting.

Parish software keeps track of all income and donations. Dianne Funk and Mark Niccolai brought up problems they encountered about direct pay for SJB and how SJB is not available to be picked as a donation on the internet. The reason why SJB it is not available as a donation was because the bill was not paid and addresses were wrong. SJB trustees noticed late payments for several months for this bill on behalf of SJB and SRB. Discussion with parish council members on these issues and how do we correct this from avoiding these late fees. Mark Niccolai will talk to Mike Leshok when he gets back from vacation about these issues. SJB still does not have May or June fiscal reports yet from Kris Tontis at the parish office.

7. **Committee Reports:**

ALL Parish council members need to review current Committee Reports that are sent prior to the parish council meeting.

a. **Finance**

SMD

They are working on the pork chop dinner August 9, proxy to update parking lot and wood front door. In September, the Union Grove History Seekers are giving cemetery walks at SMD cemetery.

SRB

Finances are in good shape, had recent issues with the air conditioning (take care of), and festival was success, \$15,000+, and waiting for final report.

SJB

Picnic in Paris is scheduled for July 25. Finances are good, the parish house is available for community rentals (on the open market), and Mass attendance is increasing (credit to Fr. Hugo). Posted an ad on the KR Catholic website for renting the parish house and had 6 people look at it. Storm clean up was done around the parish.

SFX

Increase of attendance at masses, no finance meeting this past month, update on altar renovations what Fr. Hugo already addressed in his report.

b. Pastoral Associate – no report

c. Christian Formation – no report

d. Prayer & Worship – no report

e. Human Concerns – no report

f. Knights of Columbus

4th of July parade was successful where our KR Catholic float handed out koozies, flyers and 12 cases of tootsie rolls. Some koozies left over for the welcome bag. End of August and first part of September is Toys for Tots and currently collecting U.S. flags for retirement.

g. Quad Quilters (QQ)

Advertising in the bulletin July 18, July 22 to 24, August 3 & 4 sewing events. Focus for QQ members has been on the veterans quilts. A November mass for displaying the quilts is scheduled that will recognize veterans, and a quilt will be awarded to a veteran. The Knit Wits have been busy knitting 200 scarves and hats for distribution to surrounding community schools. 50 quilts were donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (organization that provides beds for children 3 to 17 years old). August 8, 2026 SHP will have a “big faith build” at Captain Jim on Sheridan Road and 52nd Street in Kenosha for 324 beds.

h. Communications

Cathy Jacobs reported that no communication meeting was held during the summer, and we need to continue meetings in the future. Recommended to revisit and update census for current email addresses, and use all parish social media platforms. Current members are Cathy Jacobs (SRB), Mary Kay Walsh (SFX) and need a representative from SJB and SMD.

8. Closing Prayer: Fr Hugo

Next Pastoral Advisory Committee meeting: No meeting for August and next meeting will be Tuesday September 8, 2026 at SJB

A motion was made by Dianne Funk and seconded by Cathy Jacobs to adjourn the meetings at 8:30 p.m. and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Jaworski