

## Parish Council Minutes

1/7/25

### Members Present:

Vince Cutrie	Amy Harmon	Marissa Meyehoefer	Tara Osvoldik
Michael Grubka	DJ Grant	Matt Klinger	Rebecca Gumpper
Mary Roulston			

### Excused Members

Sharon Racht	Frank Foley	Jerry Ball
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### Pastoral Staff

Father Severine	Deacon Mike	Deacon Dan
Janice Corcoran	Donna Hurn	

### Finance Committee Member:

Bernie Corbishley

The meeting began at 6:30 with an opening prayer by Father Severine.

### Voting Upon of New Members

- Michael Grubka, Rebecca Gumpper, Amy Harmon, Marissa Meyehoefer, Tara Osvoldik - Mary Roulston nominated the members for commissioning to become Council members, DJ Grant seconded the motion and all approved.

### Ministry Reports

School Report: Reported for Lisa Coppola by Mary Roulston

- Catholic Schools Week will be 1/24-1/31. School Liturgy with Bishop Lucia on 1/24 and the Pasta Dinner hosted by the KofC on 1/25. Open House 1/28 from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Over 200 pies were donated to the Rescue Mission for their Thanksgiving dinner.
- Christmas Cash raised \$13,885 for the school. Cynthia Scott was the \$5000. Grand prize winner.
- Service project for January "Counseling the Doubtful", the staff will be reading inspiring books with students to help them overcome challenges and find hope.
- Soup-er Bowl Food Drive for the Food Pantry - collecting food from January 6-31.

Donna Hurn, Faith Formation Director

- Youth Conference in November- excellent turnout of not only BSC students (32!) but many others throughout the Diocese
- December 1: Conf students assisted with senior parishioner Christmas bags; Some families did deliveries
- December 8: Conf students assisted with Breakfast with Santa; Good turnout
- December 15: St. Joseph's Manor; Residents and students had a great time gathering; Played trivia and caroling. Plan to schedule another visit for crafts/activities with residents for Spring (gardening, scavenger hunt, etc.)

- December 22: Students and parent volunteers assisted with decorating for Christmas - At Home Activity sheets provided to families (was also previously using Formed but now researching alternatives as BSC no longer uses Formed)
- January 4: Confirmation student lectors began; added 11 students to various Mass schedules; students met with Dc. Dan in December for training; practices before lectoring; per Dc. Dan "Msgr. Kopp was pleased"
- January 12: First Penance prep class begins; 17 students Upcoming Activities Conf One and Conf Two to attend Mass together (date TBD)

#### Finance Report:

- Closing conference with OSV last week, very high quality materials and very responsive Cost was \$7000, increase of \$42,000 in offertory. One time gifts of \$4500. This will offset the cost of the program. 39% response rate.
- Budgeted lost for the year is \$50,000. IOP will help to close the gap. We will need to look at ways to increase revenue.
- Cleaned up data base: we will be following up with past parishioners who did not respond to determine their status. OSV has a Welcoming Pathways Program that may help with this effort. Welcoming people back to the parish and inviting people into the parish, Father will be getting information to share with the Council this spring.
- We will be requesting We Share online givers to switch over to the OSV Online Giving with a cutoff date of March 31.
- Continue to stay current with all obligations. The parish support to the school year will be nominal or none as it has been in the last 3 years.

#### Parish Outreach:

- First/third Thursdays of the month. 3 bags of groceries given to each family. The first January distribution had extra food for families.

#### Homebound Ministry Reported for John Macko by Mary Roulston

- Senior Christmas bags were delivered to approximately 45 seniors with help from the Confirmation confirmandi and some parents. The varied items were brought in by them and with the great help from Janice and her food pantry and Donna Hurn. Included in the bags were the December Golden Threads newsletter, the church calendar, and a note and drawing from the school children. I have received several positive responses from these recipients.

#### Parish Discussions

- Lenten Programs- Deacon Mike is working to plan the Lenten Soup Supper Series:
  - 3/12 is Sleep In Heavenly Peace, soups by Altar Server families
  - 3/19 is Catholic Charities, soups by Pastoral Council
  - 3/26 is Sarah's House, soups by BBS staff
  - 4/2 is Emmaus Ministry, soups by Donna's 1st Communion families
  - 4/9 is Joseph's House, soups by Donna's Confirmation families
- Parish Mission discussion - DJ asked about looking into a Parish Mission - asked for topics of interest that he will research. DJ shared "Rosary in a Year",

find in app store. Fr Ward sharing AI series with a tie into scripture. St Daniel's Wednesday nights 7:00-8:30.

- Ministry - suggestions for parishioners to invite to become lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Mary suggested the idea for: lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and offertory helpers to meet in the Chapel 10 minutes before Mass to be organized with role and share a prayer with the Deacon presiding at Mass.
- Parish Activity Suggestions - Mary shared a document that will be sent for ideas for families/senior citizens/Mass suggestions.
- Hospitality Hour Sign Up - Mary shared the sign up sheet for members to help.
- Mystery Dinner Theater: March 8 in the BSS cafeteria to benefit the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be sold ahead of time.

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### **Pastoral Report**

2025 Jubilee of Hope. The spirit of hope is burning in our hearts. Hope for good things to come, At times we have darkness in our lives, light of Christ is with us to cast away fear, anxiety, and hopelessness. Many Hands building God's kingdom. We are not about the number of parishioners, about the commitment, spirit, and hope to keep moving. We are pilgrims, moving toward the light of Christ. Father will be leaving next Wednesday but will be here with us in spirit.

Deacon Mike shared a Closing Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Next Meeting Date: Joint Council Meeting with St Vincent's at St Vincent's on March 18th at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Roulston