

## Joint Meeting Parish Council Minutes

3/18/25

### Members Present:

Mary Roulston	Michael Grubka	Matt Klinger
Michele Caliva	Rebecca Gummper	Dan Horan

### Pastoral Staff

Father Severine	Deacon Mike	Janice Corcoran
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### Advisors:

Jerry Ball	Sharon Racht
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### Excused Members:

Amy Harmon	Frank Foley	Marissa Meyehoefer
DJ Grant	Vince Cutrie	

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

### Parish Discussions

- Lenten Season - Deacon Mike shared Bobby Decker created larger posters for the Soup and Speaker sessions. The series started last week with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, very interesting. Free will collection provided \$352.01. Children attended and were proud to donate.  
This is the tenth year of joint Fish Fry, this year we are having average attendance thus far. The fish cost is up by \$1.00-\$1.50 and supplies have gone up but still doing well. Not getting a lot of delivery orders from senior housing. Sue sent an email to have the flyers put out. Sue and Mary will drop off flyers tomorrow. Holy Week -Masses and services are published in bulletin and website. Holy Thursday 6:00 pm at BSC and Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm. Good Friday service will be held at St Vincent's at 2:00. Stations of the Cross both in the morning and evening through Lent and Holy Hour on Thursday's at 6:00 pm. Tenebrae service with the Confirmation students on Good Friday at 7:30 pm.. Ash Wednesday services went well. Mary asked Father about having extra ministers to distribute ashes next year. Confessions on Wednesdays before the Soup and Speaker event.
- DMI Survey - BSC currently has 53 responses, 19% of parishioners who attend weekly Mass. St Vincent's had an issue with the BSC QR code being used for the first five days of the survey. Mary is going to reach out to Maria at the Catholic Institute to see if survey responses can be looked at from March 5-10 to see if responses indicate that the parish does not have a school which should indicate a St Vincent's parishioner.
- Parish Website Discussion - a discussion was had of ways to keep the website current. The website needs to be relevant with content and current with photos. Mary will talk with Jack-Lynn about ways to update the website. Father asked members to check the website for ways to

improve. Mary asked Father if the parish office staff can update with the bulletin information. Father will go to the website regularly to keep current and a door to the church for parishioners to use. A suggestion was made to update the calendar with events on the website.

- New Date for Spring Mass - Bishop Lucia will be confirming students at 9:15 Mass on June 1st. June 8th is the new date at 10:00 in the parking lot. BSC will have some chairs and ask people to bring chairs. Coffee, juice, and pastries will be served after Mass. BSC will have 7:30 Mass and combine the 9:15/10:30 to the 10:00 Mass. Father will talk with Bobby about the altar, sound system and Mary Lynn to work with the folk group. Mary will connect with Sue before the Mass to get a team together for set up/serving/clean up.
- Golf Event - The Golf event will be held on June 22. Sue and Bob would like a representative from the school to join the golf committee. Father will ask Lisa as the proceeds go to the Eagles Fund. Bob will reach out to Lisa and Father will share with Lisa, also.
- Planning for a Joint Parish Event - a BBQ will be held on Sunday, September 14th at noon. A subcommittee will be formed this spring with Sue and Mary. Tentative menu includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream.
- Questions or information sharing - Ann asked about the school, if there is a question of the school closing. Father shared enrollment is 180 students and is viable, breaking almost even. The school is self-operating, parish contribution is minimal.  
Dan shared about a conversation held at a recent Knights of Columbus meeting about the decline in Catholic school attendance. Instead of supporting individual families, perhaps an ad campaign to help families understand the value of Catholic education and promotion of the Catholic schools in our community. Mike asked for a BSC Council meeting to discuss the communication and transparency of the school decision making. He asked for a meeting before Easter. Mary suggested that a meeting the week after Easter might be easier with Lent and the school break approaching. Father is going to talk with Lisa to find a date that works for her to discuss our school and the Knights plan to better promote our school and those in the diocese.

Deacon Mike shared a Closing Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Next BSC Meeting Date: April, specific date TBD

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Roulston