

**Minutes:** St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, Jan 26, 2026; 6:30pm; Parish Center; **(subject to approval next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Roll Call: Present: Fr. Paul, Beth Sadewasser, Gerald Bormann, Adam Scherbring, Larry Wille, Jessie Young, Erin Schmelzer, Austin Greve (representing Finance Committee in Jim's absence). Absent: Wendy Shea, Lois Bries, Jim Schlueter
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Gerald/2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam to approve the agenda; all in favor; motion carried
4. Approve Minutes of previous meeting: Motion by Larry/2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerald to approve minutes of prev meeting; all in favor; motion carried.
5. Communications/Guests – thank you card from Jim Pfaffly was read
6. Executive report – Fr. Paul reported he will be going to a JIF meeting Tuesday at Reinbeck.
7. Liturgy report—Wendy indicated via email there was nothing new to report
8. Stewardship report – Jessie indicate \$1631 was raised for Eli Belser from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade FF bake sale. Jessie has contacted Becky Shaffer, Austin Greve and Jim Pfaffly regarding the 175<sup>th</sup> directory. She indicated there are online providers where parishioners can submit pics and update info; monthly fee of \$10-15. Will check with our current parish database provider to see what they have available.
9. Parish Life report –no report
10. Social Concerns report –nothing new to report
11. Faith Formation report – Erin reported YM will be doing the Ash Wednesday Mass; FF kids will help sing; Soup Supper afterwards
12. Finance Committee report – Austin reported the building report card is in process; sound system buzzing in choir loft has been fixed;
13. Old Business
  - a. Soccer Field: rezoning has been tabled; Survey from 2002 is still valid
  - b. Rectory Roof – . Jaeger Assoc will not pay the interest charges on loan;
  - c. Sale of Convent—council reviewed documents and in addition to adding the church PO Box to the address, the 'or surviving entity' needs to be moved to the section where 'herein called Church' is defined. Motion by Jessie/2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerald to make the indicated changes; all were in favor; motion carried.
  - d. 175<sup>th</sup> celebration
    - ii) Directory – discussed above
    - iii) Council Members to look at calendar and community calendar and be ready to set a date for the celebration at the next meeting. Looking at the month of June.
14. New Business
  - a) Kids Campus Daycare update – Beth reported that Kid Kampus has to move from their present location (but no date has been set yet); They toured the Parish Center building and are 'very motivated' to rent or purchase something. Beth indicated they really liked what the Parish Center had to offer. Discussed what implications renting the building would have on existing groups and FF that use the building. Beth indicated the first floor of the convent would be available free of charge for parish groups to use. Talked about asking the parishioners their thoughts on renting the building. Fr. Paul indicated we should wait until the pastorates are announced.
  - b) Renovation of Church Basement – Adam felt a group should be put together to discuss/plan renovations to the church basement. Group to consist of Adam, Beth, Lois and Nancy Neuhring.
15. Closing Prayer was said
16. Next meeting, February 23, 6:30pm
17. Motion to adjourn made by Adam/2<sup>nd</sup> Jessie; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned 7:25pm.