Minutes:St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, June 29, 2026; 6:30pm; Parish Center;**(subject to approval next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Roll Call: Present: Fr. Paul, Beth Sadewasser, Jessie Young, Gerald Bormann, Adam Scherbring, Lois Bries, Larry Wille, Wendy Shea, Marv Althoff for Jim Schlueter, Lisa Kies Absent: Jim Schlueter, Erin Schmelzer; Guests: Richard Hoffmann
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Lois/2nd by Adam to approve the agenda; all in favor; motion carried
4. Approve Minutes previous mtg:Motion by Adam/2nd by Gerald; all in favor; motion carried.
5. Communications/Guests – none
6. Executive report – 14th is moving day;
7. Liturgy report—Wendy indicated her group would like to meet with Fr. Gabriel the week of the 13th and discuss the groups role going forward.
8. Stewardship report – Jessie reported the directory turned out well
9. Parish Life report –nothing new to report
10. Social Concerns report –planning sock/underwear drive.
11. Faith Formation report – Erin emailed the council with the draft of the 2026/2027 schedule; 1-8th grade will start in October and YM in September; Registration info will be sent out mid-August
12. Finance Committee report – Marv reported that Dale Wille is painting the BB backboards; they will be installed in the purple park. Rectory pillars will be replaced at a cost of $4500; painting did not happen due to problems with the lift.
13. Old Business
    a) Soccer Field: Beth spoke with Dan Parker and updated the council on his evaluation of the soccer field; He felt the fence should be left up; waiting for Black Hills to mark gas lines; Discussion on what the listing price should be; Motion by Adam/2nd by Wendy to list the soccer field at $120,000 with a covenant of no storage units and to have Dan give Jarid Grinstead the first opportunity to purchase the property. Motion carried.
    b) Communion Flow: going well but the communion to the choir has had some hiccups;
    c) 175th celebration—council would like the plates to be put in the back of church with a note in the bulletin free for the taking; discussed where to bury time capsule and decided it will be buried behind the St. Mary statue at the corner of 2nd and Schiller. To be dug up in 25 years; KCs will help with burying it.
14. New Business
    a) Possibility of Shuttle for Mass: Wendy looked into the Earl Transit bus but with a cost of $300/trip it is not feasible.
    b) Instant Church Directory: no need to continue the subscription; Lisa to cancel it.
    c) JIF Items
        i) Lisa reported the need to really focus on hospitality for the first several weeks as we start forming as a pastorate; would like to have coffee/donuts after Mass on the 19th, 26th and 2nd –Parish Life to handle; Need greeters at every door;
        ii) Signage – need sign for the bathroom in church; also need signs for Brinkmann Hall, Parish Center; Rectory; Parish Office; etc; Maybe signposts next to the sidewalk that can be seen from both direction; Jessie and Lisa to work on this;
        iii) Ushers/Greeters – will get lanyards with name tags; will have one lead usher per week(perferrably someone different each week); the lead usher will make sure there are enough ushers and direct them accordingly.
    d) Beth brought cupcakes in appreciation for our outgoing council members Gerald, Wendy and Adam.
15. Closing Prayer was said
16. Next meeting ? possibly, Monday July 27, 6:30pm; will know more around the middle of the month.
17. Motion to adjourn made by Lois/2nd Gerald; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned 8:15pm