Minutes:St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, August 31, 2026; 6:30pm; Parish Center;**(subject to approval next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was said

2. Roll Call: Present: Beth Sadewasser, Lois Bries, Larry Wille, Jim Schlueter, Lisa Kies Absent: Erin Schmelzer, Jessie Young; Guests: Becky Shaffer

3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Jim/2nd by Larry to approve the agenda; all in favor; motion carried

4. Approve Minutes previous mtg:Motion by Lois/2nd by Jim; all in favor; motion carried.

5. Communications/Guests –

a) Becky Shaffer is our representative on the Pastorate Liturgy Committee; she was present to become more knowledgeable so she can better represent us. She inidcated the 'temporary' Pastorate Liturgy Committee has now become the Pastorate Liturgy Committee.

b) Thank you notes from Postville Food Pantry and Gloria Muller

6. Executive report –no report

7. Liturgy report—no report.

8. Stewardship report – gambling license has been obtained;

9. Parish Life report –nothing new to report

10. Social Concerns report –Gerald Bormann indicated via email that the Sock and Underwear drive was a great success with more donations than other years.

11. Faith Formation report – Erin indicated via email that 23 families have registerd to date.

12. Finance Committee report – see minutes from 8/31 meeting

13. Old Business

a) Soccer Field: Closing should happen with a couple of weeks

14. New Business

a. Kids Kampus – Beth reported that she and Jessie attended a recent meeting that Kids Kampus directors held. The Kids Kampus building is in need of lots of repairs; they are looking at other options; one was occupying the basement of the care center and another was the parish center. Kids Kampus asked for a tour of the Parish Center of which Jessie was going to arrange; Jessie was not at the meeting so no additional info is known.

15. Closing Prayer was said

16. Next meeting Sept 10 at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Parish Center, Elkader; this is the quarterly meeting with Fr. Huber.

17. Motion to adjourn made by Larry/2nd Lois; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned 7:05pm