

Minutes: St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, Monday, Oct 27, 2025; 6:30 P.M.; Parish Center;(subject to approval at next council meeting)

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Roll Call: Present: Fr. Paul, Beth Sadewasser, Gerald Bormann, Lois Bries, Adam Scherbring, Larry Wille
Absent: Jessie Young, Jim Schlueter, Wendy Shea, Erin Schmelzer
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Adam/2nd by Larry to approve Agenda; all in favor; motion carried
4. Approve Minutes: motion by Gerald/2nd by Adam to approve minutes; all in favor; motion carried.
5. Communications/Guests-None
6. Executive report – Fr. Paul –nothing to report
7. Liturgy report- Wendy Shea –nothing to report
8. Stewardship report – Jessie Young – emailed that fall fundraiser went well
9. Parish Life report – Lois Bries – Coffee/Donuts on Nov. 16; Bereavement books sent to 2 parishioners; Bible study resumes in Feb
10. Social Concerns report - Gerald Bormann—will be putting up the giving tree the 21st or 28th of Nov.
11. Faith Formation report – Erin Schmelzer—email indicated:
 - a. Youth Mass -trunk or treat was well attend and went great. Would like to maybe add lunch to the event next year. Beth reported there were 7 or 8 kids(not parishioners) waiting for candy before Mass ended; can we do anything different to prevent this next year?
 - b. Our next youth mass event will be Wed Nov 19th with Family/Friends Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck, all are invited to attend.
 - c. Our Faith Formation year is off to good start with good attendance. We will continue to serve our youth in helping them to grow in their faith.
12. Finance Committee report – Jim Schlueter; Lisa reported the rectory roof workers would be starting next week; bat control has been completed; NCYC funding for meals was discussed and plan in place; Monstrance on back order
13. Old Business
 - a) Faith Formation
 - i) Monthly Youth Mass – well attended
 - ii) Birthday Basket – Beth reported that went well and next one will be Nov. 16
 - iii) Children’s Bulletin – Oct 19—12 activity sheets handed out; Oct 26: 23 sheets handed out; off to a great start
 - b) Soccer Field
 - i) Estimated Value from Jeff Olson: Council decided to have the parishioners vote on selling the soccer field property; Lisa to write up including the following: now may be the time to sell since St. Mary’s parish has sole control; after new pastorates this will not be the case; value up to \$300K depending on zoning; will be a covenant restricting use of property(No storage buildings) give parishioners 1st option to purchase if the parishioners vote to sell; put in the bulletin the weekend of Nov 8/9 and ballots returned by Nov 23.
 - c) Fall Fundraiser – Lisa reported gross receipts to date are \$15,273 waiting to collect on a few Silent Auction items; Expenses: \$1603.47; Net: \$13,669.53
 - d) Rectory Roof—loan of \$30,000 plus \$10,000 from fall fundraiser were used to pay 50% down payment
 - e) Sale of Convent – Jim Schlueter and Chris Schoen to meet and discuss property lines and then come back to council.
 - f) Deacon Jim’s Appreciation Party; planning for 100
 - g) Journey in Faith—34 attended the 2nd JIF parish meeting; had more in the 18-45 age category; option b-1 was created; additional options are being presented from other JIF teams; see the board in church; Nov. 21 is last day to submit feedback
14. New Business -- none
15. Next meeting, November 24, 6:30pm
16. Closing Prayer was said
17. Motion to adjourn: made by Larry/2nd by Adam; all in favor; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:40pm