

All Saints Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes
6-9-2025

Present: Fr. Kirby Rust, Carolyn Gilhooly, Robert McGowan, Diana Faue, Marilena Wertz, Rob Richards, Kenny Harryman and Donna Gahlinger

Not Present: Fr. Hillary Chumo, Georgia Sienicki, Katherine Easley, and Bill Meany

- Fr. Rust opened the meeting with a prayer.

Old Business:

- The council reviewed the minutes from March 4th, 2025. Kenny Harryman noted that her name was left off from the minutes. Diana Faue motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and Robert McGowan seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Faith Formation** – Rob Richards reported in Georgia Sienicki's absence
 - There was a brother and sister confirmed and five first communicants and five reconciliations. Two boys and three girls. On the Easter Vigil, we brought 4 people into the Church through RCIA.
 - Religious Education will be hosting their Tea Party on July 13th at 9:30 AM in St. Benedict Hall.
 - RE classes will resume on August 31st. It will be a meet and greet.
 - The biggest issue is Catechist absenteeism. Will be trying a different approach with lesson plans.
 - The Health Fair is July 28th from 5 to 7 PM at the High School. All Saints will be providing spiral bound notebooks.
- **Building and Grounds** - Robert McGowan
 - Robert McGowan and Bill Meany put the concrete parking stop back in place. It had been moved during snow removal.
 - The kneelers for the four front pews have been taken care of. Q and P Upholstery in Elk Creek did a very good job. We will put a thank you in the bulletin.
 - The ceiling of Fr. Rust's office will be repaired along with any other damage to the structure above. Then both Fr. Rust's and the secretary/bookkeeper's offices will be painted. This should be completed by June 10th. Mary Creed is preparing an insurance claim for the damage from the recent heavy rains. The cost is estimated to be \$500.
 - We are getting estimates to repair the arch above the church entrance.
 - The three emergency lights have not been installed yet. Still looking for an electrician.
 - Going to look at the basement door. There is a hole in it on the out side.
 - Any HVAC upgrades will be up to our new Administrator, Fr. Quan Nguyen.
 - We will only work with routine maintenance and not any major projects until after the results of the Parish Planning Project is completed in out 18 months.
- **Finance** - Diana Faue
 - Diana Faue reported that the yard sale total was \$2,447.20.
 - She gave out copies of the Budget to go over. The Fiscal Year is from July 1 to June 30. See copy.

- Rob Richards questioned the payroll since we will only have one priest. There was a 3% raise, and a staff member's pay was upgraded to what it should have been.
- The Buildings and Grounds budget was increased due to our aging facility.
- Utilities were increased as we expect an increase in costs for electricity and gas.
- As of April 30th, we have \$342,00 in the General Fund and \$124,00 in the Capital Fund. This is after the roof repairs were taken out of the Capital Fund.
- Rob Richards motioned that we approve the budget as it was approved and presented by the Finance Council. Kenny Harryman seconded and the budget was approved.
- **Parish Life - Kenny Harryman**
 - Continue to do Donut Sunday. There was a big crowd after the noon Mass on June 8th.
 - The first Fish Fry netted over \$20,000.
 - There was one bereavement meal.
 - Community Outreach - Carolyn Gilhooly:
 - We are going to follow up on the backpack buddy program for the summer.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt did very well this year.
 - Still need to get a welcoming committee.
- **Pastor's Remarks:**
 - Fr. Quan Nguyen will be our Pastoral Administrator for six months. After that, providing all is ok, he will be made Pastor of All Saints and St. Michael.
 - The Eucharistic Document from Archbishop Fabre will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of Church. One of the changes is that we all kneel or sit if you cannot kneel both before and after communion. The second item is to no longer use a communion rail or kneeler. Fr. Rust is not changing now. It will be up to Fr. Quan.
 - The Archdiocese has sent out a Parish Planning Process. See copy. This process will take about 18 months to complete. Once completed, any changes to be made will be worked out.
 - As part of the planning process, a questionnaire was sent out. Mary Creed and Donna Gahlinger worked on the first part dealing with the demographics of All Saints.
 - The second part included three points to address to the Parish Council.
 - The first point asked what three strengths attract members to keep involved. Answers included that we are small and family oriented. There are many opportunities to get involved. The Religious Education program is really good. You get a sense of faithfulness just walking in the door. More traditional Catholicism. Community involvement such as the Parades, Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinners, Readyfest, etc.
 - The second point was what are three significant challenges. Answers included the size of our buildings and that we are landlocked. Half of the county goes to St. Michael in J-town and many go there for the school. The turnover of priests. The same people volunteer for everything. Getting catechists.
 - The third point was what unique mission or ministry for parish. Trying to grow. The religious nature of the parish is strong. Our Community Outreach. We are an integral part of Spencer County. We cater to traditional Catholics.

Fr. Rust said a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.