

All Saints Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes
8-12-2025

Present: Fr. Quan Nguyen, Marilena Wertz, Robert McGowan, Bill Meany , Kathy Easley Diana Faue, Rob Richards, Georgia Sienicki, and Donna Gahlinger

Not Present: Deacon Pete Rendon, Carolyn Gilhooly, and Kenny Harryman

- Fr. Nguyen opened the meeting with a prayer. He started the meeting telling us about himself. Father came to the United States from Vietnam in 2016 and studied at St. Meinrad. His ordination was in 2021, and then was assigned to St. Patrick and St. Boniface. After three years, he was transferred to St. James in Elizabethtown. A year later, he came here to All Saints. He has a brother and two sisters. His sisters are studying to become nuns, planning to go into Family and dependent care. He probably won't go back home for two to three years. He keeps in touch with his family through social media. He says he feels at home here and at St. Michael. He thanked the council for all we do.

Old Business:

- The council reviewed the minutes from June 9th, 2025. Robert McGowan motioned to approve the minutes, and Rob Richards seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Faith Formation** – Georgia Sienicki
 - The Religious Education program will have a pot luck Kick Off on Sunday, August 24th at 1:00 PM with Fr. Quan. Regular classes will start on September 7th .
 - Fr. Quan is looking into sacraments this year. There have been some inquiries.
 - Georgia Sienicki said that we have 19 enrolled in the Monday morning Bible Study group. Have been averaging 10-12 attending. Usually less in the summer time. They will be finishing Exodus and going to Matthew. After we finish a book, we will go out to eat.
 - Fr. Quan is thinking about a combined Bible Study every other Thursday both here and at St. Michael, but he will need some leaders. He is searching for resources.
- **Building and Grounds** - Robert McGowan and Bill Meany
 - Robert McGowan said the the repairs to the arch and door at the entrance to the church have been completed. Also, the two office ceilings have been repaired and repainted.
 - The outside entrance to the basement has been repaired and the Exit Lights have been put up. Also, the bushes at the top of the stairs to the rectory have been cleared.
 - The closets in the back of Church that store the cassocks for altar servers were locked and they could not get in for the 1:00 Mass on Sunday. The door handles have been replaced with regular closet door handles, so this won't happen again. The kneelers have also been repaired.
 - The basement closet has been cleaned out, but some of the stuff remains. Upon approval, some will go to the yard sale and the rest will go to the trash.. Example: an old power washer and the large window that was used for Easter decorating. These items are to large to be brought up and down the steps.
 - Had a small flood in the basement. Martins was called and fixed the problem. The drain was clogged.

- Fr. Quan wants to find out about HVAC and what needs replacing, repairing or something specific for the choir loft. Robert McGowan and Bill Meany will be gathering information and looking into it.
- Robert McGowan took Fr. Quan around Taylorsville and visited the cemetery along with some other sights. Talked about Masses having been at the cemetery and Georgia Sienicki asked about Masses at the Prayer Garden. She thought Palm Sunday would be a good one there.
- **Finance** - Diana Faue
 - Diana Faue went over the year end financials which will be put in the bulletin when finalized after it goes to the Archdiocese. See handout. The parish is in good shape. We had to take money out of savings for roof repairs, but still are putting money in it every month.
 - A needs assessment was discussed. Robert McGowan said that major projects must be looked at carefully as to the amount of money put into it. This is due to the Parish Planning Project put out by the Archdiocese. When it is completed about a year from now, there may be changes. Rob Richards felt like if the money is there, we should use it, no matter what happens. Some things will have to be fixed.
 - The Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 15th. The Yard Sale will be the first week in June.
- **Parish Life** - Diana Faue for Kenny Harryman
 - Community Outreach: Carolyn Gilhooly, chair
Continue to provide food for Backpack Buddies. Over 220 children in Spencer County enrolled in the program.
 - Parish Directory: Bill Meany, chair
Looking to do a new Parish Directory in Fall, 2025.
 - Respect Life: Pete Rendon, Chair
Nothing new to report at this meeting.
 - Social Hospitality: Kenny Harryman, chair
Continue to have Donut Sunday the 2nd Sunday of the month. A going away reception for Fr. Rust and Fr. Hillary was held on June 22nd. Fish Fry appreciation dinner was held on July 17th.
 - Bereavement Meal: Kenny Harryman, chair
No meals served.
 - Prayer Blankets: Donna Gahlinger, Chair
Nothing new to report at this meeting. Continue to do Donut Sunday. There was a big crowd after the noon Mass on June 8th.
- **Stewardship** - Kathy Easley
 - Would like to do a Ministry Spotlight in the Bulletin each month to show what each is about. Hopefully this will bring in more volunteers. There will be a Stewardship Fair in September, but we don't have a date yet.
- **Next Meeting** - November 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM in St. Benedict Hall
 - Marilena Wertz talked about the terms of the council members and Fr. Quan urged us to stay on at least another year to help him out.
- **Pastor's Remarks:**
 - We will be kicking off the CSA drive next month. Goal was set a little bit higher this year.

- The communion kneelers will be taken up and only one put to the side for Sunday Masses. During weekday Masses, both kneelers will be returned to the center. He will make an announcement about this at Sunday Masses. This is a new policy from the Archdiocese.
- For the Jubilee Year, I would like to do a pilgrimage to St. Joseph Proto Cathedral in Bardstown in September or October. Could be Mass or Adoration as a condition for indulgence. There will be an announcement at Mass when a date and time is arranged.

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