

Parish Council Meeting – July 29, 2025 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Maureen Walsh, Marc Lindeen, Adrian Rubey, Irma Perez, Brandon Harrison, Karla Maher, Natalie Martin and Doug Slobodnik, Mary Panther

Absent: John Newton

Opening Prayer: Marc Lindeen

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Doug, seconded by Adrian. Motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: Fr. Ross welcomed the new members to the council. He looks forward to the work of the Parish Council in the year ahead. Fr. introduced Samuel and shared they have been working hard to gear up for the coming school year.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** The back to school and food drive was a great success. Marc praised the parish for their contributions. The Fellowship Cup was very thankful for the donation.
- b. **Liturgy:** Nothing to report as we are still in Ordinary Time.
- c. **Parish Life:** Committee met with Fr. Ross to discuss the upcoming Feast Day.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** There will be new appliances installed in the kitchen following the conclusion of Fall events. Landscaping will begin on August 11, around the front steps, as well as some other areas. Special thanks to Adrian Rubey for trimming shrubs around the church.
- e. **Faith Formation:** Totus Tuus was held week last week, with a total of 30 kids attending – 5 in grades 7-12, and 26 in grades 1-6. As we approach the new school year, Samuel shared that postcards were sent to families as a reminder to register for Youth Catechesis and Sacramental Prep. All students will return to the classroom model of Catechesis and will meet on three Wednesday evenings a month. The off week will still hold classes for students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. Samuel believes it is important for adults to continue in their Faith Formation and would like to offer classes to meet those needs.
- f. **Finance:** Father reported the Finance Council made some approvals for current projects and are working on finalizing a budget.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Irma presented a letter sent from the Diocese about two courses held monthly beginning the second week of August. Online School of Apologetics will be held via Zoom and will meet in the church library. The second course, St. Francis of Assisi Lay Formation Program will be in Davenport on one Saturday a month. The program will focus on formation in five specific areas – human, spiritual, academic, pastoral, and technological. Irma reported there is great interest in both programs. Additionally, the church will host its first Quinceañera in the coming weeks.

Old Business

- a. **Feast Day / Parish Picnic:** Mass will be held at 5:30, Friday, August 1. Following Mass, we will have a potluck dinner in Manning Hall, along with entertainment, and raffle prizes. Additionally, there will be a time to recognize volunteers and committee members.
- b. **Church Directory:** Barb reported that only 38 people have sent their updated information and picture for the directory. During the parish picnic, we will collect information and take pictures.
- a. **New Officers and Committees:** There will be four different commissions and committees to run behind the scenes and report to parish council. Members of the parish council will choose an area to focus their time and talent and recruit the help of other parish members to complete projects or activities.
- b. **Old Threshers Sign Up:** Karla reported the sign-up process is going slowly. There will only be one Mass on the grounds this year on Saturday at 4:00.
- c. **Autumn Festival:** Planning is going well. The lunch and auction will be held on Sunday, September 21.

Next Meeting: September 2, 6:00 p.m. Brandon will have the opening and closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: Fr Ross

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary