

Parish Council Meeting – September 2, 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, Brandon Harrison, Karla Maher, Doug Slobodnik, John Newton, Natalie Martin

Absent: Irma Perez, Mary Panther

Opening Prayer: Brandon Harrison

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Maureen, second by Judy. No discussion, motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: Fr. Ross wanted to thank all who volunteered at Old Threshers. Whether you donated money for a pie, baked desserts, helped in Manning or on the grounds. All help was greatly appreciated. He also mentioned we had a great turn out for our Feast Day potluck last month. Finally, Fr. spent time clarifying the role parish council plays within the larger parish family. Parish council's role as defined by the Dioceses is to collaborate with the pastor, and organize activities within the parish.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** They will be having a meeting next week.
- b. **Liturgy:** Still in ordinary time. Will do a small decoration in front of the altar for Fall.
- c. **Parish Life:** The Feast Day picnic was a success. There was a great turnout of parish members and fun was had by all.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** There was some recent landscaping done in front of the church. Unfortunately, some of the plants did not withstand the weather and will be removed and replanted in the spring. The new kitchen appliances will be installed following the Autumn Festival.
- e. **Faith Formation:** It was reported that numbers are looking excellent for this year. As of Friday, August 29, there is a total of 80 kids registered. There will be 15 working toward First Communion and 13 working towards Confirmation.
- f. **Finance:** Unrealized Loss/Gain on Investments are down compared to this time last year.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** There are a few members of the Parish that are participating in faith formation activities at the Dioceses.

Old Business

- a. **New Officers & Committees:** Morgan was asked to stay at Secretary and agreed. Karla nominated Adrian for Vice President, Adrian accepted the nomination. Vote passed. Next committee assignments were discussed and decided on as follows:
 - a. Social Action: Marc, Doug, Brandon
 - b. Liturgy: Maureen, Mary, Natalie
 - c. Parish Life: Morgan, Judy, Adrian, Karla
 - d. Hispanic Ministry: Irma, John
- a. **Old Threshers:** Karla reported that overall, everything went very well, and the numbers look great already.

New Business

- a. **Request for use of Manning:** Maureen asked on behalf of All God's Creatures if the hall may be used for their Bingo fundraiser. It will be held in October or November. Maureen will speak with Fr. about details as the even gets closer.
- b. **Notre Dame Connection:** Brandon brought up a great conversation about how our Parish could potentially partner with Notre Dame in Burlington. Is there a way we could transport students of our Parish that would choose to attend Notre Dame? Marc will talk with SEIBUS to see what it would take to get a route. This will be a continued conversation to see what interest there may be amongst Parish families.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2025 6:00 p.m. Fr. Ross will offer the opening prayer and Maureen will offer the closing prayer

Closing Prayer: Brandon

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary