

Parish Council Meeting – September 23, 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, Irma Perez

Absent: Mary Panther, John Newton, Natalie Martin

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ross

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Doug, seconded by Judy. No discussion. Motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: The church will be purchasing two AEDs.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** Marc reported there will be an event on Wednesday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. to place flags and a banner to symbolize respect for life month. All are invited to help with this event. There will be a food drive during the month of October to benefit the Cradle of Hope Mother's House.
- b. **Liturgy:** Still ordinary time. Maureen reported there will be some decorating done for the Fall season, including a horn of plenty display near the Alter. Father Ross reported that Paul is doing well with his treatments and seems to be improving. The organ pipes are in need of being rebuilt, Paul has arranged for this to take place in December and January. The pipes will be removed, rebuilt and then reinstalled.
- c. **Parish Life:** Adrian reported the group met to discuss possible ideas for the upcoming year, and it is their hope to have an event quarterly. The idea was brought up to ask Old Threshers about renting their ground train wagons and taking parishioners through the Festival of Lights. Adrian will check with Old Threshers about the possibility and what they would charge to rent. It was also discussed that the committee head the responsibility of arranging the Christmas pageant.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** They will meet on Thursday, September 25. Revamping the landscaping islands out front and the items in storage will be discussed.
- e. **Faith Formation:** Samuel encourages all to attend the Parents of Faith series on October 19 and 20. There are over 90 students in youth catechesis this year!
- f. **Finance:** Accounts look good, nothing of note to report. Old Threshers figures are close to being finalized.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** There will be a Quinceañera this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Irma reported there are five parishioners that go to the Dioceses once a month for Spanish Formation classes. The classes are very informative, and it is enjoyable to attend. There will be a Día de los Muertos learning day on October 26, and celebration on November 1, all are welcome and invited to attend. In December, there will also be a Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Old Business

- a. **Autumn Festival:** Father would like to thank Morgan for the time spent logging all auction items, Doug for all the work in the kitchen, and Irma and her family for assisting with drinks, and table service. He also wanted to thank the auction committee.
- b. **All God's Creatures:** Maureen reported All God's Creatures will be utilizing Manning Hall for a community Bingo night on November 14.

New Business

- a. **SEIBUS Usage:** As discussed at our previous meeting, Marc was going to contact SEIBUS to inquire about the possibility of utilizing their service for transport of parish students to attend Notre Dame in Burlington. Marc reported it is a definite possibility, and cost doesn't look like it would be incredibly inhibitive. Brandon will work on getting more information for parents, and how to enroll your student. To arrange transportation for next school year, there would need to be a count of families interested in attending and needing transport to Notre Dame.

No additional comments or concerns.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Adrian will offer the opening prayer, and Marc will offer the closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: Maureen

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary