

St. Joseph the Worker TEAM Meeting Minutes June 15, 2025

Opening Prayer:

- TEAM President Peggy Billhartz called the meeting to order at 9:17 am with the opening prayer.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- **Minutes from the Meeting of May 2025:**
 - The Minutes from our May 18, 2025, meeting were presented.
 - A [motion was made](#) by Geoff Davis, seconded by Mary Alice Keith, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

- **For the month of June 2025:**
 - The Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2025 (based on May 2025 bank statement activity) was presented by Treasurer Mary Alice Keith.
 - The bank balance as of 05/31/2025 was \$10,126.08; checkbook balance was \$9,626.08. Per the Reconciliation there was one outstanding check for \$500 payable to St. Patrick Catholic School for their annual fundraiser.
 - Mel reported that the TEAM contributions report passed around is courtesy of Joe Schatteman. Thanks Joe!
 - A [motion was made](#) by Geoff Davis; seconded by Mel Kuntemeier, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 as presented. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- **Breakfast Sign Up for 2025:**
 - Peggy passed around the sign-up sheet for TEAM breakfasts as we still have a few vacant spots to fill.
- **Deacon Frank Ice Cream Social: to be held on Saturday, June 28th after the 4:30 pm mass.**
 - The event will be held on the Saturday after Vacation Bible School.
 - Daniel & Nancy Snyders will co-chair the event again. Thanks Daniel & Nancy!
 - Volunteers will be needed to help with setup, serving & cleanup. Volunteers include Peggy, Mary Alice, Geoff & Rita.
 - **Post Meeting Update:** TEAM officers approved the payment of \$150 to Scoop du Jour in order for the check to be presented on the night of the Ice Cream Social.
- **Reserve Church for Events: Need to vote on donated funds for the form for:**
 - **Art & Craft Fair:**
 - **Chairperson Nichole Poss** reported that the Art & Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025.
 - There are currently 18 vendors registered.

- Discussion followed regarding who the benefactor of the proceeds will be this year. Ball-Chatham Titan Fuel Program has been for many years. Split net proceeds with Titan Fuel and TEAM.
- Mary Alice Keith mentioned again that her husband Don is a bus driver for Ball Chatham School District and has noted the amount of food wasted by being left on the bus after a distribution day.
- Mel asked if anyone had discussed this issue with Titan Fuel. Apparently, no one has.
- Charlene Vollmer stated that she is a volunteer with the Program and will follow up on that for our next meeting.
- Mel mentioned that he hated to see the “baby thrown out with the bath water” so to speak.
- More discussion....
 - A [motion was made](#) by Mel Kuntemeier; seconded by Brian Stenke, to approve the benefactor of the 2025 Art & Craft Fair, net proceeds to be split with the Titan Fuel Program and TEAM. Motion approved.

○ **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:**

- The date for 2026 still needs to be officially approved and scheduled.
- Mel Kuntemeier reported that he had spoken over the phone with Ball-Chatham Food Pantry and in person with Holy Family when he dropped off the Scrip gift cards to them. Summary follows:

▪ **Ball-Chatham Food Panty:**

❖ **Spoke with Lorie from the client perspective:**

- They have seen an increase of 140% over the last two years (500 in 2022 to 1,200 in 2024).
- These numbers are based on number in the family (e.g., a family of 5 would count as 5).

❖ **Spoke with Treasurer Heidi regarding the financial perspective:**

- For the fiscal year 2024 donations were down by \$10,000 compared to the previous year.
- The amount of food donations were also down compared to previous years.
- Due to reduced resources, they have had to reduce the amount of food given to individual clients.
- They have also had to reduce / eliminate some non-food products such as detergent and some hygiene products.
- Each family is given a load of non-perishable food and a gift card to Meijer's to cover perishable items.
- They are also looking for other ways to raise funds to help cover the decrease in resources but the ever-increasing need.
- The bottom line is they are working with a significant increase in the number of clients while dealing with a decrease in resources.

● **Holy Family Food Pantry (a part of Catholic Charities):**

- Mel discovered that the phone number listed for the Food Pantry is no longer in service. Now have to go through Catholic Charities. Jenna is the gate keeper apparently and refused to put me through to the Food Pantry. So, I mentioned that I had \$2,150 in gift

cards to donate to the Food Pantry and would also like a tour of the facility, which they were glad to accommodate.

- Mel delivered said Scrip cards to the new Pantry Director Dennis, who was incredibly grateful and immediately handed over to Jenna to put in Catholic Charities safe for safe keeping.
- This prompted Mel to ask more questions, as Catholic Charities has been eager for years to get their hands on the gift cards. Apparently, the Catholic Charities Director, Patrick, now orders all of the food and other products for the food pantry. Interesting!
- I stressed again that this is to be used strictly for the Food Pantry!
- Considerable discussion followed as to the actual financial needs of the Ball-Chatham Food Pantry. There are some that feel they do not need the funds,
- Some in attendance want to look more closely at the financial balance sheet of Ball Chatham Food Pantry.
- Mention was also made by Mel of our Ball-Chatham Food Pantry representative reporting last year that she is our representative and stated that they do not need the money, without providing any specific documentation to back up that information.
- Mel reminded the group that, in all of the 30 years he chaired the breakfast, that was the first he learned that we even had a representative. Several others around the table concurred.
- Mel also asked what the real motivation / agenda is behind ditching the Ball-Chatham Food Pantry we have supported for decades and there was no response.
- Brian Stenke disclosed that he is on the Advisory Council of Catholic Charities.
- After more discussion, the consensus was to postpone further discussion until our next meeting in July to further research the Ball-Chatham Food Pantry financial situation.

New Business:

- **Election of TEAM Officers:**

- President: Peggy Billhartz
- 1st Vice President: Geoff Davis
- 2nd Vice President: Rodger Anderson
- Secretary: Mel Kuntemeier
- Treasurer: Mary Alice Keith.
 - There being no further nominations, it was the consensus of the group to retain the current officers.

- **Presentation of Gift to Sr. Judy:**

- Peggy presented a card signed by TEAM Members and money (\$50) to Sister Judy for our appreciation for all of her help and support to TEAM over the many years she has served as Pastoral Minister.
 - The question of who will come up with names for the Christmas Family after Sister leaves St. Joe's? Rita suggested maybe asking the congregation for suggestions.
 - Sister Judy indicated she would try to get names to share with Peggy.
- **Post Meeting Note:** The TEAM Officers approved the gift of \$50 to Sr. Judy.

- **YT Packing / Turaskey's Meat has been sold:**
 - Peggy reported that a current employee has purchased the business.
 - Business should continue as usual, however there will be a name change (to still be operating as Turasky Meats, but YT Packing will now be known as Herd Packing)
- **Construction Status Update Presentation by Finance Committee Chairperson Bruce Thompson:**
 - Thanks to Bruce Thompson for responding to Mel's invitation to Father Joe and Bruce to come to our TEAM Meeting today to update us on the status of the construction/remodeling project.
 - Bruce distributed a copy of the Update that is included in this week's bulletin.
 - Restroom renovations are scheduled to begin on July 2nd.
 - Kitchen and fellowship halls are the next project although not yet approved by the Diocese.
 - The kitchen bathroom will be removed to provide additional storage space.
 - The two little bathrooms in the Faith Formation area will be remodeled to be ADA compliant.
 - Mel asked about the status of reversing the dishwasher flow?? Bruce responded yes, it will be reversed.
 - Mel also asked about the window to feed dirty dishes into the dishwasher area. Bruce responded no, but the current plan will keep the door so have access that way.
 - The vestibule (by the church office) will be remodeled.
 - Plans are still a work in progress, not yet totally finalized. Many unanswered questions remain.

Breakfasts:

- **Today:** Thanks to Mel Kuntemeier for today's breakfast.
- **July 20th Breakfast:** Nichole Poss
- **August 17th Breakfast:** Mary Alice Keith
- **September 21st Breakfast:** Kathy Bednarchik & Anita Jackson
- **October 19th Breakfast:** Mel Kuntemeier
- **November & December:** need volunteers please.

Upcoming TEAM Sponsored Events:

- **Next TEAM Meeting: Sunday, July 20th at 9:15 am in the Resource Room.**
- **Deacon Frank Ice Cream Social** – scheduled for Saturday, June 28th after 4:30 pm mass.
- **Art & Craft Fair:** Saturday, October 18, 2025
- **Other Events: need to be officially scheduled on the Church calendar ASAP.**

Meeting Attendees: Peggy Billhartz, Geoff & Rita Davis, Mel Kuntemeier, Anita Jackson, Mary Alice Keith, Sister Judith Pfile, Joe Schatteman, Bruce Thompson, Rodger Anderson, Nichole Pass, Charlene Vollmer, and Brian Stenke.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Prayer, led by Peggy Billhartz.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mel Kuntemeier

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