

St. Joseph the Worker TEAM Meeting Minutes July 20, 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 June 2025:**
 - The Minutes from our June 15, 2025, meeting were presented. Considerable discussion followed:
 - Jinny Sachsenmaier took offense to the comment that our representative on the Ball Chatham Food Pantry Advisory Council (Jinny) had provided no proof that they did not need the money. She insisted that she had offered documentation three times last year and Mel refused it. Mel countered that nothing had ever been offered for him to see as he would have taken it immediately. Jinny stated that she no longer had the documentation.
 - Brian Stenke objected to the comment that Brian disclosed that he is on the Advisory Council of Catholic Charities.
 - Peggy and Mel stated that Mel was just recording what was stated during the meeting.
 - After more discussion, the following motion was offered:
 - A motion was made by Bruce Thompson, seconded by Kathy Bednarchik, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved with one opposed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

- **For the month of July 2025:**
 - The Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2025 (based on June 2025 bank statement activity) was presented by Treasurer Mary Alice Keith.
 - The bank balance as of 06/30/2025 was \$9,816.97; checkbook balance was also \$9,816.97. Per the Reconciliation there were no outstanding reconciling items this month.
 - During review of the sequence of checks, it was discovered that Check #3020 was unaccounted for. Upon inquiry (twice), we learned that it was skipped over when writing check # 3021, which is still in the checkbook and will be the next check written.
 - A motion was made by Bruce Thompson, seconded by Brian Stenke, to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 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: was held on Saturday, June 28th after the 4:30 pm mass.**
 - The event was held on the Saturday after Vacation Bible School.
 - Daniel & Nancy Snyders co-chaired the event again. Thanks Daniel & Nancy!
 - The event was well attended by about 140 people, including Deacon Frank's family.

- **Reserve Church for Events: Need to vote on donated funds for the form for:**

- **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:**

- The date for 2026 still needs to be officially approved and scheduled.
 - Mel reported that he had met with the Ball Chatham Food Pantry and distributed the information they provided to him.
 - He also requested more information from Holy Family Food Pantry via Catholic Charities and so far, has received nothing.
 - Considerable additional discussion followed.
 - Since the meeting attendees could not make an informed decision on proceed recipients, Brian offered the following motion as a compromise for now in order to get the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast officially on the Church Calendar.
 - **A motion was made** by Brian Stenke, seconded by Mary Alice Keith, to have the proceeds from the 2026 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast to benefit TEAM for now in order to be able to get the date on the Church Calendar, with the Food Pantry benefactors to be sorted out and determined at a later date. Motion approved.

New Business:

- **Follow Up on TITAN Fuel—Charlene Vollmer:**

- Charlene reported that she volunteers with the Ball Chatham TITAN Fuel.
 - Pursuant to our discussion at our last meeting, she followed up with the bus garage regarding reports of food being left on the bus and wasted.
 - The elementary schools and GIS students have book bags that the teachers put the TITAN Fuel sacks into.
 - The intermediate and high schools no longer have book bags.
 - Perhaps gift cards could be a workable alternative solution to reduce wasted food?
 - The food distributed is all packaged goods, no loose fruit for example.

- **Art & Craft Fair—scheduled for October 18, 2025:**

- Chairperson Nichole Poss reported that there are currently 26 spots filed.
 - We were up to 32 spots but lost some due to family situations.

- **Other:**

- **Construction Update:**

- Mel asked about the status of the construction update.
 - Bruce responded that the parking lot has been completed.
 - Work is ongoing on the ADA compliance part.
 - The carpeting in the main hall was discovered to contain asbestos so abatement will occur.
 - The contract for the kitchen remodel has yet to be approved by the Diocese.
 - There are some questions about whether we will still be able to have the Art & Craft Fair?
 - Bruce indicated that they should know more by our next TEAM meeting in August.

- **Sister Judy:**

- Sister sent TEAM a thank you and her new phone number and email address.

Breakfasts:

- **Today:** Thanks to Nichole Poss for today's breakfast.
- **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, August 17th at 9:15 am in the Resource Room.*
- **Art & Craft Fair:** Saturday, October 18, 2025
- **Other Events:** need to be officially scheduled on the Church calendar ASAP.

Meeting Attendees: Peggy Billhartz, Mel Kuntemeier, Kathy Bednarchik, Anita Jackson, Mary Alice Keith, Bruce Thompson, Brian Stenke, Nichole Poss, Charlene Vollmer, and Jinny Sachsenmaier.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am with the Closing Prayer, led by Peggy Billhartz.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mel Kuntemeier

TEAM Secretary

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