

# St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** September 19, 2024   **Time:** 6:35pm   **Location:** St. Elizabeth Parish Basement  
**President:** Craig Wojciechowski   **Vice President:** Bert Vanderweyst  
**Secretary:** Judy Bemboom   **Trustees:** Ray Novak and Leo Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order by Craig Wojciechowski  
Father Matthew led us in prayer.

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## ***Secretary's Report***

### **A. Roll Call:**

1. ***Council members in attendance:*** Father Matthew, Craig Wojciechowski, Bert Vanderweyst, Judy Bemboom, Dennis Scholl, Geri Ann Scholl, Tim Hommerding, Sharan Novak, Joe Gapinski, Becky Hanson, Leo Zimmermann
2. ***Absent:*** Ray Novak
3. ***Parishioners in attendance:*** Cheryl Pick

**Welcome Becky Hanson, council member, replacing Liz Wojciechowski**

### **B. Approval of June 6, 2024 meeting minutes.**

Sharan Novak motioned to approve, 2nd by Bert Vanderweyst. Motion approved.

### **C. Approval of agenda.**

Leo Zimmermann motioned to approve, 2nd by Tim Hommerding. Motion approved.

### **D. Financial Report -**

Geri Ann Scholl motioned to approve, 2nd by Dennis Scholl. Motion approved.

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## ***Old Business -***

### **A. Parish Festival Planning**

Sharan Novak reported:

- Successful Festival
- Beer stand needs more \$1, \$5, \$10, < start up amount
- Need more help with tear down after Festival
- Will continue to use Bingo Hall for Grand Raffle
- Beer Cooler was packed to full causing some beverages to not be as cold.

### **B. St. Elizabeth - 100 year Parish Centennial 2024 (9-22-2024)**

Cheryl Pick reported:

- Mass @ 1:00pm
- Invite past Priests
- Bishop Patrick Neary will be attending
- Jan Helmin and Joyce Fleck will decorate with Fall flowers
- 2:30pm, Girtz Boys will provide outside music
- D & L will provide potato salad and baked beans
- Hot dogs and pork roast
- Jim Wojciechowski will donate and smoke pork roast.
- Greg Novak will donate watermelon
- Judy Bemboom and Melissa Gotvald will donate cupcakes
- Cheryl Pick will take care of buns
- Need about 20 ft trailer for the band to perform on
- Ray Novak will take care of lining up garbage and outdoor toilets
- Planning for 200-250 people
- Photo boards in back of church for parishioners to create memory boards
- History from dioceses in a 3 ring binder
- Will offer pop, water. Sell beer.
- Free will offering.

### **C. Clean up the Grotto for Centennial-**

Tim Hommerding reported that he had fixed the majority of the cracks and loose rocks.

#### **D. Refurbishing the church exterior - East Side**

**\*\*9/19/2024 - Leo Zimmermann reported that Terry P is finishing up the East Side. Tim Hommerding and Ray Novak will apply brick sealant.**

**Leo Zimmermann disassembled the chimney.**

**\*\*6/6/2024 - Ray Novak will work on this area when he has time. Leo Zimmerman will contact Terry P. Approximate cost for East Side is \$46,000.**

Will table the steeple brick, removal of chimney, and flashing around perimeter of church until a later date.

**\*\*3/14/2024 update - Ray Novak reported**

- Leo Zimmeran checked with Terry P and he CANNOT provide a cost estimate at this time.
- Ray Novak recommends East Side of church should be repaired in 2024\*\*

Leo Zimmerman reports the following after meeting with Terry P:

- Water issues by stained glass window, on East wall of the church.
- Some bricks are starting to crumble by front steeple
- Remove chimney
- Suggested to add flashing around perimeter of roof

It was decided that these items will need to be addressed over the next 5 years.

1st item would be East wall, approx cost \$50,000-75,000

2nd item steeple brick that is crumbling, approx cost \$35,000-45,000

Looking at \$100,000+ to address these issues.

#### **E. Redo cemetery tar driveway -**

**\*\*9/19/2024 - no update. Tabled for next meeting.**

Ray Novak reported that John Rueckert recommends the tar driveway be replaced due to conditions of the tar. Ray Novak will look at getting it removed and replaced with something other than tar.

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### ***New Business***

#### **A. Turkey and Ham Bingo - October 20, 2024**

Sharan Novak reported we will have 10 quilts and 10 hams.

#### **B. Donations for East Side of Church and Grotto Repair -**

Will have Jan Helmin add a statement in the bulletin.

#### **C. Trailer for aluminum cans -**

Parishioner requested having a trailer for aluminum cans to be donated for fundraiser.

Discussion on finding a trailer to stay at the church will be difficult.

Would be open to trying an aluminum can drive during a set weekend.

**D. Bench donation by Rita Novak's Daughters -**

Need more information regarding the bench. Table for next meeting.

**E. upcoming council elections in Nov 2024-**

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***Reports***

**A. Christian Women** - no one present for an update.

**B. St. John's Area School** - reported by Father Matthew

Hiring music and art teachers

Looking at adding 7th/8th grades

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***Questions & Comments & Concerns from Parishioners***

Thank you to Jake Ratke for donating his time to pour additional cement for gravestone plots

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***Next meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 @ 6:30pm***

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***Adjournment***

Judy Bemboom motioned to approve, 2nd by Geri Ann Scholl. Approved.

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***Father Matthew led the council in a closing prayer.***

***Submitted by:***

***Judy Bemboom, Council Secretary***