

St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025 7:00 pm

President: Craig Wojciechowski

Vice President: Bert Vanderweyst

Secretary: Judy Bemboom

Trustees: Ray Novak and Leo Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order by Craig Wojciechowski

Fr. Matthew led us in prayer.

Before business meeting started, Charlene & Bob Sromek conversed with council members about the donation of a bench being installed inside by the ramp doors in remembrance of Charlene's parents, Adam & Rita Novak. They have \$500 budgeted for this. Charlene said the money could be put towards a different need of the parish if the bench doesn't work out. At this time Bob Sromek will draw up plans for the bench and get back to the council.

Secretary's Report

• Roll Call

Members in attendance: Fr. Matthew, Craig Wojciechowski, Joe Gapinski, Dennis Scholl, Geri Ann Scholl, Tim Hommerding, Sharon Novak, Becky Hanson, Cheryl Zimmermann, Ray Novak, Leo Zimmermann

Absent: Judy Bemboom

• Approval of December 5, 2024 meeting minutes

Tim Hommerding motioned to approve, 2nd by Sharon Novak. Motion approved

• Approval of Agenda

Dennis Scholl motioned to approve, 2nd by Joe Gapinski. Motion approved

• Financial Report

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

Old Business

• **Fish Fry's** – March 14th and April 4th – plans are falling into place

• **Festival** – Raffle tickets are in the works, we're still looking for a place to get a 20 x 40 tent for the outside food stand. Ray Novak reported Auctioneer Lucke Shubert was going to check his calendar & get back to us if he could do the auctioneering for us.

• **Auto Value Donated** some toys to our church at Christmas Time – At last meeting we considered using them for the 2025 Parish Festival. Instead, it was decided that it would be better to donate them to the Cross Center in Foley to be delivered to local families at Christmas time.

• **Cemetery Drive Way** – Discussion on Concrete vs Tar. Ray Novak got a bid from Knife River \$14,500 for the tar and installation labor. Removal of old tar not included in the estimate. Parishioners would be responsible for the removal of old tar. There had been previous discussions with Jake Ratka and using concrete to do this project. It was decided to check with Jake and get a concrete estimate also. The road by the parish house and

pavilion also needs to be done. Discussion on – should we do the cemetery driveway and the whole driveway up to pavilion or just do the cemetery driveway and finish the section of driveway up to the pavilion and do the rest of the driveway at another time. Will further discuss this at the next meeting after more information is gathered.

New Business

• New Parish Council Officers

President: Craig Wojciechowski (will keep position but would like someone else to take the position)

Vice President: Sharon Novak

Tim Hommerding nominated Sharon, 2nd by Becky Hanson. Motion approved

Secretary: Judy Bemboom accepted to do this position again

• **Funeral Lunches** Parishioners asked if the Christian Women could provide a lunch for a funeral if family of the deceased doesn't provide one. Fr. Matthew wasn't sure on this, but said he could talk with encourage the family to have a lunch if he was given notice of this concern.

Reports

• Christian Women

Cheryl Zimmemann reported that Cheryl Pick accepted the office of President and Becky Hanson accepted Vice president. The Christian Women are looking into selling carnations again this year for Mother's Day

• St. John's Area School

Fr. Matthew reported they are seeking applicants for a new principal; Christopher Smith will not be returning next year. The School Garage Sale will be March 7 & 8th.

• Questions & Comments

Fellowship 2nd Sunday of the month– It was decided that we will have a calendar in the back of the church for the whole year. We will encourage families, groups to sign up to host it. Post in the bulletin monthly, that this signup sheet is in the back of church - if no one volunteers we will cancel it for that month. This event only will happen if someone willingly signs up to host it.

• Concerns or Comments from Parishioners

Meeting minutes on the website after the meeting – Secretary will get them to the office in a timely manner, Jan will forward them to be posted on the website. They will be posted as soon as the minutes can make it through the channels it takes to get them posted.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 12th @ 7:00 pm

Submitted by: Cheryl Zimmermann – council member (Secretary Judy Bemboom was absent)