

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from Thursday May 8, 2025

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by President Sam Lieser
- II. Opening prayer was led by Father Matthew.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Roll Call: Council members present: Jeff, Ryan, Jesse, Julie, Missy, Dan, Carl, Samantha, Sam
Trustee: Paul and Wally
Employee: Kevin
Parish Nurse: Betty
Father Matthew
Parishioners: None
Absent: None
 - b. Approval of Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Financial Report by: Paul and a second by: Danny. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Carl and a second by Jesse. Motion carried.
 - d. Approval of Agenda: Wally added security cameras to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jesse. A second by Dan. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Burger Drive Thru: Dates are Fridays June 13, July 11, and August 8. Help will be needed. Serving starting at 4PM.
 - b. Contribution letter. The thought was to send the letter to the ones registered to the parish who gave \$0 in 2024. In the letter encouraging to contribute time, talent and money if they are able to. Discussion was had and it was decided to send the letter to all parishioners and use it as a tool to update all records. The letter will have a portion for them to fill out or to just call and parish office to update their information. Council members will stuff envelopes on May 14 at 6:30PM and mail the letters.
- V. New Business
 - a. Donations of items to the church. No donations will be accepted unless prior approval. Its that time of year where people are maybe cleaning out their stuff. 2021 a dumpster was rented and filled from items that were donated to the church. A few pianos and organs along with faux household plants to name a few. Those items cause clutter and are not used. The church is not a place to dump your unwanted items.
 - b. Fish Fry: 2025 update: March 21, served 371. April served 220. Dates for 2026 are March 6 and March 27.
 - c. Parish Center update: Father Matthew met with the diocese architect. The floor plan is good to go. Some minor recommendations. Cole group is finalizing the drawing to get ready for the engineering group. Plumbing can take a few months to get approved from the state. Hoping for dirt work prep this fall. Future driveway and sidewalk. Have to

have two driveways. Paul will talk with the county about it since they will be ripping up the road this fall. Hope to just put the approaches in right away to save a step in the future.

Wally has been doing some research on ways to donate. He will share what he learns in the near future.

Samantha said the meeting notes are online as well for all parishioners to read.

- d. Church repairs, Terry said he should be able to be there in June to start the work that is needed to be done.
- e. Cemetery Updates: Crucifix came down to fix the wood and Jesus to be repainted. Wally is working on the wooden cross. The cemetery was cleaned up this past week. Black dirt was ordered to around the ribbons. Kevin mentioned there are some plots that there are no grave markers or stones. He asked if the parish or funeral home can collect a \$1000.00 or something as a deposit to get a headstone if the family doesn't do it within a year. Kevin is going to look into other possibilities as options too. A letter will be sent to the families that there is no grave marker. Samantha will check with Foley Funeral Home to see what others do, if anything.
- f. Permits: Need a gambling permit for Turkey Bingo and the cash raffle. A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. The drawing for the cash raffle will be on January 8, 2026.
- g. Security cameras: Internet and phone have been updated. Wyze cameras are installed and working. Currently Wally and Chris Larson have access to the cameras. Looking at who may be willing to also have access. Kevin and thoughts of close by parishioners were discussed.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: They did not meet.
- b. Building Committee: See above for building maintenance
- c. Christian Women: No update
- d. Knights of Columbus: Gilman Days Raffle is coming up. June 22, 2025 Corpus Christi.
- e. Parish Nurse: Anyone interested or needing a visit from Father, contact Betty and she will get it on Fathers schedule. Betty mentioned that she has asked another nurse to take over being the Parish Nurse. She said its time for her to retire and someone else should take it over.
- f. St. Johns Area School: Chris Bemis is new principal. Looking for 2 teachers.
- g. Faith Formation: Completed for the year.
- h. Welcoming Committee: No update
- i. ACC: The ACC is reviving "All Things New" Not enough people or priests. Creating a plan to revamp the ACC. Rob Stay is PP's representative. Leo is St. Elizabeth's and Jeff is St. Josephs. The Eastern Denery is having meetings which includes, Elk River, Princeton, Pierz, Foreston, Foley, Duelm, Milaca and surrounding areas. Bishop Patrick will make final decisions.

VII. Concerns or comments from Parishioners

- a. Carl brought up that there was no Holy water upon entering church. Kevin mentioned that they have in the past been "dry" since Father does the sprinkling. Father said it was fine to have it upon entering. Kevin will talk with Ralph to polish the bowls.

- b. Kevin asked about if another priest was willing to host Easter or Christmas mass in Gilman or another church, can it be arranged. Father Matthew explained that its not about just finding a retired priest. Eventually they will not want to do it. But it is also about having a full church. Not necessary to have 2 half full churches at the same time.

VIII. Next meeting will be Thursday August 14, 2025 at 6:30PM

IX. Adjournment: 8:19 PM, A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Missy. A second by Jeff. Motion carried.

X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew led the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Samantha Ratka 5/22/25