

St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2025 **Time:** 7:00 pm **Location:** St. Elizabeth Parish Basement

President Cheryl Zimmermann

Vice President: Sharan Novak

Secretary: Judy Bemboom

Trustees: Ray Novak and Leo Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl Zimmermann

Father Matthew led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

A. Roll Call:

1. Council members in attendance: Father Matthew, Cheryl Zimmermann, Dennis Scholl, Geri Ann Scholl, Joe Gapinski, Tim Hommerding, Becky Hanson, Leo Zimmermann, Craig Wojciechowski
2. Absent: Ray Novak, Sharon Novak, and Judy Bemboom
3. No Parishioners in attendance

B. Approval of September 18, 2025, meeting minutes.

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

C. Approval of agenda.

Dennis Scholl motioned to approve, 2nd by Craig Wojciechowski. Motion approved.

D. Financial Report –

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

Old Business –

A. 2026 Parish Festival – Date for Festival in 2026 is June 28.

B. All Things New Updates –

Father Matthew shared that the latest meeting that was scheduled for the ACC Planning and Advisory Committee for All Things New was canceled due to bad weather. The meeting will be re-scheduled within a few weeks. There seems to be conflicting schedules of how and when information is being released from the diocese. Father Matthew does not think they are handling it professionally. The ACC Planning and Advisory Committee is to have the final proposals complete and turned into the Diocesan office by the end of December. At this time Father Matthew informed us to continue to do business as usual.

C. Driveway Updates –

The second layer of tar on the driveway has caused the edges of the area to be a bit steep. Because Ray Novak was not present to discuss this issue, he will be contacted, and this will be discussed. Dennis and

Geri Ann Scholl informed us that they purchased 4 plots in the cemetery at the end of the ribbon, near the new turn around area. Some of their plots have been tarred over. Again, this will have to be discussed with Ray Novak who was not present.

D. Quilt/Ham Bingo –

The turnout for October 19, 2025, bingo was good. Plan to have a similar event on Oct. 18, 2026.

E. Soup Supper –

The date of the Soup Supper will be January 23, 2026. Jan Helmin will make up the flyers. Craig Wojciechowski will make the sign-up sheets. It should go in the bulletin. Bread sticks and crackers were discussed as well as drinks and desserts for the event. Craig Wojciechowski will contact Cheryl Pick about this.

F. Council Elections –

December 14 is the council election. Sharan Novak, Becky Hanson, Sarah Hegman, Marvin Danlek, Matt Hackemueller and Cheryl Pick are the candidates – 4 council members are needed. Council members will meet and compile results after the 10 am mass on December 14.

New Business –

A. 2026 Permits Needed –

Council members were not sure of the permits needed for 2026. Jan Helmin will be contacted to determine what is necessary.

B. Fish Fry's, Gun Raffle, and Meat Raffle

Fish Fry's, Gun Raffle and Meat Raffle dates are 2/27, and 3/20. The gun from the raffle in 2025 was won by Geri Ann Scholl. She donated it back to the parish and is hoping it can be used as the gun for the raffle in 2026.

C. Snow removal –

Discussion indicated that the person responsible for snow removal on the steps and side walks was unknown. Craig Wojciechowski stated he thought it was the usher's responsibility to come early and be sure it is done. Geri Ann Scholl and Dennis Scholl agreed. Joe Gapinski mentioned hiring someone to deal with it because of the large area. Currently, Tim Hommerding and Ray Novak take care of the snow removal on sidewalk and steps with the help of the ushers. The walk behind snowblower needs tire repair.

Reports

A. Christian Women

Cheryl Zimmerman stated that the Christian Women served a meal for the Faith Formation students in Gilman on November 5. It was well received. Christian Women will serve another meal there again in

February. On December 14th, the Christian Women will sponsor the social after mass. The donations will go to support Elevate, a pro-life group. A bakeless bake sale was held in October for monies for the group.

Next meeting on February 17, 2026.

B. St. John's Area School –

Cheryl Zimmerman shared that the Cookie Bake is currently underway. They are also selling Wreaths and Porch Pots, which seems to be doing well. The students will be performing a Christmas program on December 19. A new fundraiser event will be on Feb. 21 at Coyote Moon. It is called Rise Gala. Posters will be on the bulletin board. The last week of January will be Catholic School week.

Questions & Comments -

- Geri Ann Scholl did purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the church.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

Craig Wojciechowski motioned to approve, 2nd by Tim Hommerding. Motion approved.

Father Matthew led the council in a closing prayer.

Submitted by:

Becky Hanson, Council member