

St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2026 **Time:** 7:05pm **Location:** St. Elizabeth Parish Basement
President: Cheryl Zimmermann **Vice President:** Marvin Danelek
Secretary: Judy Bemboom **Trustees:** Ray Novak and Leo Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl Zimmermann
Father Matthew led us in prayer.

Welcome new council members for 2026: Marvin Danelek, Matt Hackenmueller

2026 Election of Officers:

Craig Wojciechowski nominated **Cheryl Zimmermann for President**, 2nd by Tim Hommerding. Nomination approved.

Cheryl Zimmermann nominated **Marvin Danelek for Vice President**, 2nd by Tim Hommerding. Nomination approved.

Tim Hommerding nominated **Judy Bemboom for Secretary**, 2nd by Becky Hanson. Nomination approved.

Secretary's report

A. Roll Call:

1. Council members in attendance: Father Matthew, Craig Wojciechowski, Judy Bemboom, Tim Hommerding, Sharan Novak, Becky Hanson, Cheryl Zimmermann, Marvin Danelek, Matt Hackenmueller, Ray Novak
2. Absent: Dennis Scholl, Leo Zimmermann
3. Parishioners in attendance:

B. Approval of December 4, 2025 meeting minutes.

Craig Wojciechowski motioned to approve, 2nd by Sharan Novak. Motion approved.

C. Approval of agenda.

Marvin Danelek motioned to approve, 2nd by Matt Hackenmueller. Motion approved.

D. Financial Report -

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

Old Business -

A. 2026 Permits - Jan Helmin reports the following permits were filed and are back from the state: Meat/Gun Raffle, Parish Festival/Gun Raffle/Meat Raffle, Quilt Bingo.

Ray Novak mentioned we will still need to submit for a liquor license for Parish Festival.

B. 2026 Fish Fry - Cheryl Zimmermann reported we had a good turnout for 2/27/26 fish fry with approx 235 people in attendance.

C. Snow Removal - Ray Novak reported that himself and Tim Hommerding will continue to clear snow from sidewalks and stairs. Craig Wojciechowski also sent an email to the ushers that they should report earlier on snow days to expedite the process. It was reported that Greg Gapinski is responsible for the parking lot.

Tim Hommerding will take care of repairs on our snow blower before next season.

D. June 28, 2026 Parish Festival -

Festival meeting was held 2/19/2026. Ray and Sharan Novak reported: Joe Gapinski/Matt Hackenmueller will co-chair Bingo, Jan will order 3500 raffle tickets @ \$5.00 each, Jan sent letters to past raffle donators, Tim and Charlie will go to businesses to collect donations for raffle, Cheryl Pick determined 20 pies are needed, will have meat and gun raffle, toilet, dumpster and tent are ordered.

E. All Things New Updates -

***3/12/26 - Father reported the committee rejected our proposed plan to move forward with merging/closing of parishes. He reports that he is looking for the Bishop to announce a formal plan by mid April 2026.**

*12/4/26 - Father Matthew shared that the latest meeting that was scheduled for the ACC Planning and Advisory Committee for All Things New was cancelled 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 completed and turned into the Diocesan office by the end of of December. At this time Father Matthew informed us to continue business as usual.

***9/18/2025 - Father reports there was good discussion. Unsure of merging or closing parishes at this time. ACC Planning and Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from each parish. Leo Zimmermann will be our representative.**

****6/12/2025**** Father reports Foley Area Catholic Community (our Tri Parishes, St. Johns, St. Patricks, St. Lawrence, St. Marcus). ACC (**A**rea **C**atholic **C**ommunities) will hold Town Halls in the upcoming months to discuss implementing changes for these parishes by June 2026.

One item reported by Father, St. Cloud Diocese would like churches to merge Parish Councils.

New Business - no new business

Reports

A. Christian Women - Cheryl Zimmermann and Becky Hanson reported.

Meeting held 2/17/2026

Carnations and Bread will be sold Mother's Day weekend.

Becky Hanson and Cheryl Pick attended the Spring Conference in Foley.

Fall Conference will be held in Belle Plain

B. St. John's Area School - Cheryl Zimmermann and Matt Hackenmueller reported.

1st annual Gala @ Coyote Moon with silent and live auctions was a HUGE success.

4/26/2026 - Breakfast Fundraiser @ Jack and Jim's Event Center

Questions & Comments & Concerns from Parishioners

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

Sharan Novak motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Craig Wojechowski. Approved.

Father Matthew led the council in a closing prayer.

Submitted by:

Judy Bemboom, Council Secretary