



Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 25, 2025

Attended:

Fr. Frank Jindra	Anthony Manno
Chad Gross-Rhode	Rebecca Manno
Joe Willie Benes	Adam Lee
Eric Whitesides	Tommy Owens
Ruth Leininger	Debbie Wojcinski

Absentees: There were no absentees.

Meeting Open:

The meeting began at 6:36 p.m. with the opening prayer by Debbie Wojcinski. Eric Whitesides will say the opening prayer at the December meeting.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes:

The October Meeting Minutes were read and approved with minor changes. Debbie will make those changes.

Pastoral Report:

- Father will be available for Confessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning on December 4th
- Father Jindra has signed a contract, starting in January, for Hallow, which is an interactive prayer application. Although this is available to everyone for free, the fifty licenses we have will be more inclusive with videos, etc. We will need to train volunteers to help people get the app set up on their phones or computers. This will supplement the Metanoia effort.
- Fr. Jindra has trimmed the bushes to avoid accidents on the sidewalks and plans to plant rosebushes there next year. The problem with his doing this work is that he only had camouflage pants to wear. Some people mistook him for a vagrant and were ready to call the police.

Parish Report:

- The Benevolence Fund has a balance of \$9,665.34. The announcement has not yet been put in the bulletin, but should be there within the next two to three weeks. This fund is for parishioners only. Council Members are to think about what we should do with this fund – i.e. groceries? Bibles? Gifts? for the needy in the parish/schools? There was some discussion on this.
- We paid \$4,500 to fix the boiler system at STM. Two weeks ago, we paid to have updates done to the sprinkler system, but it will not be completed until spring or summer.
- The Development Dinner will focus on updates to the school dock and the exterior of the building. This will be held in the spring around Easter time
- We have a bid for the bell tower at SJA, but it is \$15,000. Unless we find a software that will work, it won't be fixed. The computer that held the software was damaged, so the software is gone. The bell tower itself is a speaker. Chad will look for a software package and computer. If we can find them for \$1,000 each, perhaps it can be fixed.

Evangelization Update:

- Not much has been accomplished. A vacation was planned, but had to be cancelled due to sick children
- A meeting was held with one person that was on the list, and another meeting is planned
- Chad is trying to name Metanoia to give it a theme. Someone had suggested "The Road to Metanoia".
- We will use the Hallow app the first or second week of January with the first prayer group.

New and Ongoing Business:

- The STM Knights and the Ladies Guild at STM have committed to helping for Deacon Sunday. Cards need to be signed.
- The school principals will be asked to respond with family candidates for gifts. If the response is massive, we will give Bibles and gift certificates for groceries. There was a suggestion that we have two administrative people that might benefit.
- It was decided that the length of time for the Lay Minister Event needs to be scaled down. Joe Willie will work on it. Invitations still need to go out with RSVPs requested Parish Council Members who are not Lectors, Ushers or EMHCs can assist with serving food, refreshing drinks, and assisting with setting up, tearing down and other miscellaneous tasks. This event will take place April 19th in the STM cafeteria. There was discussion on what to do about name tags.
- SJA has two old websites that are still active; however, we don't know the passwords, and the companies will not shut them down unless we have those passwords.
- The updated Council list still needs to be uploaded to the website, and we need a page added to store the minutes so parishioners can see what we are doing. Biographies are done and those need to be added as well.

With no further business with which to attend, Fr. Jinda said the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.