

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sacred Heart Center basement

Attendees:

- **Members Present:** Morris Wilber, Kay Rieke, Bill Mahin, Bob Morris, Father Kieffer, Micayla Walden, Melissa Martin, Monica Thayer, Stephanie Stindt
- **Visitors/Building Committee:** Philip Meinecke, Jared Collette, Sherri Mahin, Brent Martin, Karen Splichal, Corey Lyon (Chancellor of the Diocese)

Fr. Joseph Kieffer opened the meeting with a prayer. Bob Morris moved to accept the minutes and Morris Wilber seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: Fr. Kieffer

- Father reported that he will continue Wednesday evening Mass; daily Mass to move to Thursday or Friday based on parishioner feedback. He will continue First Saturday Masses except for November 1.
- Father clarified that the Pastor can appoint all Parish Council members; current council is legitimate. He also confirmed that Canon Law requires a Finance Council be established.

Old Business:

- Bob Morris reported that we are still awaiting bid from Hoge for repair of the Mary statue.
- There no updates on the status of repairing the stairs and gutters but the gutters need attention
- There is potential to include security of doors to and in the SHC and a handicapped-accessible door at the ramp through a FEMA grant.
- Bob Morris to obtain estimate for concrete pad for the Scott Memorial Bench; placement to be discussed with Lori.

New Business:

- The Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas Annual Appeal kicks off the weekend of October 25–26.
- There was discussion about the possibility of repainting white lines in the street in front of the Church for parking. Supplies are available; 8th graders may assist; the street needs to be cleaned beforehand

Committees Reports:

- Liturgy Committee - Jared Collette appointed chair; Bill Mahin is Parish Council liaison
- Education Committee
 - Micayla reported that the Book Fair will run from October 5–13; Donuts & Coffee on Oct 5 to kickoff the Book Fair. There will be a coloring contest for Faith Formation students; winners announced Oct 12.

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- Faith Formation classes need a 4th grade teacher and additional aides.
- Family Life Committee (still needs a chairperson)
 - Anonymous Parish survey will be distributed via bulletin and at the Fall Fest.
 - Kay Rieke reported that CCW will be selling 100-year commemorative mugs at Fall Fest (\$10 each) and on the success of the breakfast held on September 14
 - Melissa reported that the Fall Festival will include 24-Hour Adoration and Rosary Congress, Bingo, ministry info booth, mug sales.
 - There will be a Halloween/All Saints Day Party: October 31 after 7 PM Mass
- Finance Committee
 - Cherney & Associates to begin payroll and accounting
 - A motion was made by Morris Wilber to form a Finance Committee that includes Monica Thayer, Bob Morris, Micayla Walden. Motion by Morris Wilber, seconded by Stephanie Stindt; motion carried.
- Building Committee
 - The committee reported that ESS unable to begin renovation until after August/September 2026 and that the Bishop supports moving forward
 - Discussion ensued regarding next steps for the renovation project; presentation to Parish needed on next steps in the renovation project.
 - Motion to proceed with renovation under Bishop's conditions as outlined in his letter: Moved by Kay Rieke, seconded by Bill Mahin; passed unanimously.
 - Fr. Joe to seek clarification from Bishop and announce Town Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Kieffer

Next Meeting: October 27, 2025 at 7pm

Action Plan

Obtain estimate for concrete pad for the Scott Memorial Bench; placement to be discussed with Lori	Bob	10/27/25
Seek clarification from the Bishop, Father Coady, and building committee. Plan for an announce next steps at Parish Town Hall after Mass.	Father Kieffer	10/27/25