

Ave Maria Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order at 7:00 by President Sam Thielen & Opening Prayer led by Father John Paul. 2. Members present: Father John Paul, Sam Thielen, Philip Deal, Doug Frisch, Armon and Laurie Karsky, Hank Frisch, Kevin O'Leary, Paul Frisch, Becki Stueve, Julie Deal, Dale Przymus and Carol Nelson. All members present.
3. Acceptance and approval of minutes from Tuesday, May 12th, 2026. Motion to accept and approve by Kevin, second by Hank.
4. Acceptance and approval of agenda for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026. Motion to accept and approve by Kevin, second by Hank.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance-Philip Deal reviewed the present budget for this year and the proposed budget for the upcoming year.
 - b. Guild Report-Julie Deal reported the new tables for the basement are on back order.
 - c. Cemetery Report-Hank Frisch reported the fallen headstones were being erected by Bainbridge as he now has equipment to do this type of work.
 - d. Faith Formation-Laurie Karsky reported the Totus Tuus Program (summer school) was successful with 30 students attending.
 - e. Building Committee-Nothing to report.
6. Old Business
 - a. Classroom light fixtures & bathroom sink by classrooms. Kevin Ballhagen will be notified of replacement of light fixtures and if the upgrade would qualify for an Otter Tail rebate. The bathroom sink will be replaced by Eli Larson if he is able. Motion to approve both upgrades by Dale and second by Hank.
7. New Business
 - a. 2025/2026 Annual Parish Report-reviewed by Philip Deal.
 - b. 2026/2027 Proposed Budget-reviewed by Philip Deal.
 - c. Elections: Sam and Hank have both served one term. Both have graciously agreed to run another term.
 - d. Phone Service-Father John Paul will be checking into Runestone for internet and phone service as his Frontier service is expiring.
 - e. Elevator-Reports from the safety check that the button control panel is outdated and can no longer be repaired if it fails. It is functioning fine now. The cost of the new updated control panel comes with a cost of \$7000. A donation of \$1000 was given to help defray this cost. Any members, friends or visitors are welcome to donate to the elevator improvement.
8. General Discussion-Concerns were brought to council members that the church was too cold. Father John Paul reported the temperature reading at the beginning of Mass was 72 degrees. For those

members or visitors feeling chilled, please dress accordingly to help with your comfort. The thermostat will remain the same for now.

9. ACC-Report given by Philip Deal on recent meetings. No changes in our Mass schedules in all 3 parishes. Give Father John Paul a BIG thank you for making this possible as he is putting on many miles every week so we can have so many Masses. Father John Paul will be starting his 12th year here as of July 1st.

10. Next Meeting-November 24, 2026 at 7:00.

11. Adjournment motion by Hank, second by Kevin at 8:15 pm; Father John Paul

led us in a closing prayer.

+Pete & Jerry, pray for us+