

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

May 20th, 2025

Minutes

Officers: Brenda – Chair, Ben – Vice Chair, Tyler – Secretary

Opening prayer: Brenda

Roll Call: Fr. Paul Collings, Brenda Eschenbrenner (2025), Kim O'Connor (2026), Charlie Bicak (2025)

Absent: Ben Brachle (2027), Tyler Clay (2026), Amy Johnson (2027)

Staff: Cecilia Fick

Ad Hoc: Mike Heeney

Agenda: Approved Unanimously

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I. Committee Reports

1. Finance Reports by Cecilia Fick.

Pillars Building on Faith: There is \$19,972 remaining from parishioners and \$50,000 from Cope Foundation in January. Fr Paul is reaching out to parishioners with outstanding balances.

Pillars II: Debt payment: \$308,750.90 has been pledged or donated in the one-year pledge. \$226,971.90 has been collected. 140 families have responded to date. Remaining to collect is \$81,779 due on December 31. Total pledged or collected \$520,000.

Mortgage Loans: Refund check: MCL sent a refund check for \$25,515 due to an over charge for retainage. This will be applied to the mortgage.

Original mortgage: \$900,000.00

Total YTD Notes: \$734,542.20

Diocese Note Balance: \$534,542.20 Making: ~~\$~~11,531.21 Monthly Principal and Interest payments

Griffiths Note Balance: \$200,000.00 Making: \$50,000 Annual Principal Payments to Griffiths Note

Balance owed to MCL: ~~\$~~0.00

Ordinary Collections: Weekly budget is \$18,500 for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

1st Quarter: Under budget \$31,477.20

2nd Quarter: Over budget \$93,271.24

Christmas: Over budget \$4,987.82

Easter: Under budget \$1,195.00

3rd Quarter: Over budget \$4,487.37

April: Over budget \$7,992.12

May: predicted to be under budget

Annual end of April: Over budget \$77,566.35

Net income: \$81,040 on May 19, 2025

Diocesan Appeal: (2024-2025) Parish goal - \$73,464

Total Raised - \$56,916 – 77%

Donor Goal – 185

~~–~~Current # of donors – 145 – 78%

2025-2026 Budget – Reviewed and discussed the proposed budget from the Finance Council. Discussed the increase of utilities, insurance and the extra costs of an additional priest. Brenda ask why Church repair was unusually high in 2023-24. \$25,000 was used for the purchase of the electronic sign and \$38,000 was chalking the exterior on north and south sides
Unanimously approved

2. **Tech Committee** – No Report. Father Paul discussed Live Stream and ask Council to discuss with Father Scott about continuing live stream weekly mass.
3. **Religious Formation**
 - a. **Faith Formation:**
 - i. Last day was April 30 and kids enjoyed playing Bingo with a Bible Timeline Theme.
 - ii. First Communion held on May 4th with 34 Communicants. Beautiful mass and students did amazing job helping with Mass.
 - iii. May Crowning was on May 7th with 50-60 kids present. Knight of Columbus served meal afterwards. Very fun filled evening.
 - iv. Registrations for Summer Camps and Faith Formation for next year.
Currently 35 registered for Summer Camp (June 23-27) A lot of registrations expected this month.
Last year 95 attended camp.
 - b. **Edge:**
 - i. Prayed through Lent what it looks like to suffer with Jesus.
 - ii. Did Lectio Divina with the Passion and temptation of Jesus, cContinuing to focus on prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
 - iii. Last day was April 30th with a Resurrection Party.
 - c. **Life Teen:**
 - i. Focused on the what is the Gospel and why it matters in our life. Shared simple Gospel with each other and brought it back into weekly conversation.
 - ii. Focused on being present during Lent with Jesus in his suffering.
 - iii. Did Imaginative prayer
 - iv. Big end of year party at Harmon Park and played volleyball and had meal.
 - d. **Confirmation:**
 - i. Wonderful class volunteered at BBQ & Bazaar.
 - ii. Put on a beautiful Good Friday service.
 - iii. Finished semester on Sunday, May 4.
 - iv. Confirmation will be in November
 - e. **Summer Activities**
June 17-18 – Annual high school pilgrimage through Nebraska
June 24-25 – Middle and Hight school lock-in at St. James
July 6-10 – Middle schooler Higher Ground
July 11-13 – High school Steubenville in Springfield, MO
4. **Community Pantry**
 - a. March - 8 utility bills for \$750/April – 7 utility bills for \$750
 - b. March Rent for 5 families with \$550/April Rent for 6 families with \$600
 - c. March - 46 families for food/ April 47 families for food and fed 178 family members.
 - d. March - 2 Grocery store trips - \$2008.50/April – 2 Grocery store trips for \$1673.21
 - e. Summer needs are health snacks, cereal and fruit.
5. **Liturgy Committee:**
 - a. Easter flowers lovely this year.
 - b. Fr Paul did Mass at Kinship Pointe. Several Parishioners there. Fr Paul will let Fr Scott know.
 - c. OCIA class received sacraments at Easter Vigil.

- d. \$100,000 donation received for Sacred Heart. Many items needed.
- e. 200 Stewardship forms received. Stewardship has sent list of people to heads of groups.
- f. Jubilee year. Information in the bulletin and doors open afternoons and evenings for people doing pilgrimage.
Cards being handed out.
- g. Easter Masses went well.

- 6. **Aset Committee:**
 - a. 12 attendees studied "33 Days of Eucharistic Glory"
 - b. Jubilee Doors
 - c. Advent Retreat – December 6th
 - d. Blue Christmas on December 14th
 - e. Homebound – Possibly involving homebound in prayer group.

- 7. **Stewardship Committee:**
 - a. Diocesan Appeal: Information in Finance Report
 - b. Pillars: Information in Finance Report
 - c. Time and Talent: 274 responses.
 - d. BBQ & Bazaar: Huge success! Served 660 meal and profit is \$34,467. Will keep same format and theme next year. Next year date is April 19th, 2026 at KCHS.
 - e. Volunteer Appreciation: May 28th – Mass, Brats and beer. Simple and fun
 - f. Stewardship Fair: Tentatively scheduled for August 24th. No location yet.
 - g. Welcome Committee: 2 new members – Julie Wier and Jacob Solomon. Jane Foutch resigned due to conflicts.

- 8. **Social Committee**
 - a. Summer events
Parish Picnic – July 20th
Habitat For Humanity Meal on June 7th
Fr Paul's Farewell receptions in June

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- 9. **Welcome Committee:**
 - a. Committee now has 12 members
 - b. Currently send a welcome letter, make a call and ask for photo for PeaceTimes.
 - c. Registered 13 families during March, April, and May.

II. **Old Business:**

- a. Youth Minister – Leeta leaving and looking for replacement.

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III. **New Business:**

- a. Discussed priest changes
- b. June 11th – Parish Council and all committee social
- c. June 22nd – Farewell Party for Fr. Paul after 10:30 Mass-social committee
- d. June 28th – Cookie Farewell for Fr Paul after 5 Pm Mass-funeral committee
- e. June 29th Continental Breakfast farewell for Fr. Paul after 8 am Mass- social committee

Next Meeting: July 16th at 7 Pm at hospitality room at the church.