

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

February 26th, 2025

Minutes

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

Opening prayer: Brenda

Roll Call: Fr. Paul Colling, Amy Johnson (2027), Ben Brachle (2027), Tyler Clay (2026), Brenda Eschenbrenner (2025), Kim O'Conner (2026), Charlie Bicak (2025), Tammy Hellman (Trustee)

Staff: Cecilia Fick

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I. Committee Reports

1. Finance Report: Pillars: Building on Faith: \$3,020,926 has been pledged or donated (Includes 200,000.00 Cope Foundation pledge-over 4-year period) After write offs of \$22,516.50, expected total is \$2,998,409.50. \$2,922,992.39 has been collected. Leaving approximately \$25,417.00 to collect. From parishioners in addition to the final Cope pledge payment of \$50,000 to be paid in Jan of 2026. A total of 356 families participated in this campaign.

Pillars II: Debt payment: \$279,315.90 has been pledged or donated in the one-year pledge. \$139,405.90 has been collected. 130 families have responded to-date.

Mortgage Loans: We have made 4 payments on the \$600,000 Diocesan Loan (3% Interest). Payments are \$10,781.21 each month. We have made 2 months of interest payments toward the Griffiths loan (4.5% interest). These will be \$937.50 this year.

Final MCL bill: The final bill has been paid. The furnace system correction in the lower level room has been made and balanced and the door hinges are installed.

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

1st Quarter: Under budget \$31,477.20

2nd Quarter: Over budget \$91,271.24

January: Over budget \$7,730.19

February: under budget \$200.87

Diocesan Appeal (2024-2025):

Parish goal	\$73,464
Total Raised	\$40,492-55%
Donor Goal	185
Current # of donors	128-68%

2. Religious Formation

a. K-5

- i. Canceled 2 classes due to weather and postponed First Reconciliation due to numerous events, will be rescheduled during regular class times
- ii. Held initial server training session for all 3rd and 4th graders
- iii. Continuing learning the Bible timeline.
- iv. March 22 will be First Communion Retreat.
- v. Save the date for summer camp coming out soon.

b. Edge/Life Teen

- i. Confirmation classes are underway as well as Life Teen, Bible studies, and Edge.
 1. Confirmation going through Acts 2-3
 2. Life Teen walking through Mass in-depth
 3. Edge working through the Mass and how to pray it
 4. Bible studies continuing to go through 1 Peter.

3. Catholic Community Food Pantry

- a. Helped fund 12 families
- b. Food families: 55
- c. Monetary help: 12
- d. Utilities: 5
- e. Rent: 7
- f. Misc: 2

4. Liturgy

- i. Rose windows are all lit from a donor.
- ii. Pews in the entry way
- iii. New chair for Deacon Tom
- iv. Very pleased with Poinsettias
- v. Pastoral Ministry. Bishop Hanefeldt visited, and surprised with how many homebound are served. Big thanks to all the lay people.
- vi. Our doors will be Jubilee doors. Fr. will educate parish on the meaning
- vii. OCIA – Rite of sending this Sunday. Rite of Election 3/9/25 in Grand Island.
- viii. Sacred Art: Medallion donated by Jerry Grosshardt family in Lady's Chapel. Maurice O'Brien donated a relic of St. Francis, designing a display case
- ix. See report for important dates.
- x. Jubilee year – will do more promotion

5. Asset

- a. Book 33 days of Eucharistic Glory will be available for Ash Wednesday.
 - i. Groups available for this book
 - ii. Pop Francis' papal bull, Hope Does Not Disappoint, will be discussed Sunday Morning.
 - iii. 24 hours of Lent: March 28-29

6. Stewardship

- a. Diocesan Appeal and Pillars were covered in Finance report
- b. Time Talent and Treasure appeal.
 - i. Really need more liturgy and committee members.
- c. Spring Fest/BBQ and Bazaar: event will be on April 6th. Shared updates from the recent meeting

7. Social Committee

- a. Jan 12 breakfast well attended
- b. Sloppy Joe meal on March 8th after Sat. Mass

8. Building and grounds

- a. Playground equipment is ready to purchase
- b. Investigating light poles on north side of the lot.
- c. Reviewing parking lot and roadway updates.
 - i. Exploring options on connecting to country club lane

9. School Board

- a. Finance process has been reviewed and new process has been updated.
- b. Goal is 365 students next year
- c. Nita Unruh and Tony Purvis join the foundation board replacing Cory Kruse and Mary Sommers.
- d. Roofing is being repaired. The strategic plan update has been very helpful.
- e. Working on the budget and considering a 5% tuition increase.
- f. Foundation hired Tara Bowman and Tara Johnson, both part time

10. Watchmen

- a. No report

Old Business:

1. BBQ Bazaar: covered throughout the meeting
2. Jubilee Year

New Business:

1. Staffing
 - a. 5 full-time, 4 part-time and Fr. Paul
 - b. Possibly adding another position, parish ministry focused on young adults - young families, building study groups, etc.
 - c. Looking to increase salaries of all staff

Next meeting: March 19th at 7 PM, Fr Paul's house

Closing Prayer: Brenda