

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

April 17, 2024
Fr Paul's House

Minutes

Offices: Ben – Chair, Kim –Vice Chair(interim), Tyler - Secretary

Opening prayer: Fr. Paul

Roll Call: Fr. Paul Colling, Amy Johnson (2024), Ben Brachle (2024), Brenda Eschenbrenner (2025), Kim O'Conner (2026), Charlie Bicak (2025)

Staff: Cecilia Fick

Agenda: Approved Unanimously

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I. Committee Reports

1. Finance Report:

Pillars: Building on Faith: 343 families that have responded to the campaign
\$2,964,016.46 has been pledged or donated
(Includes 200,000.00 Cope Foundation pledge-over 4-year period)
\$2,567,683.66 has been collected

Pillars Grants: We have, submitted a grant application to the Catholic Extension Service through the Diocese for \$100,000 and are awaiting a response. No response at this time.

Construction Loan: Current loan balance is \$550,000

Wish list We have received 20 responses from the Wish list mailing totaling 12,200.00 in gifts and pledges. Items noted include Magnifikid subscription, preschool cameras, stained glass window, Mass TV, plants, and unspecified.

Phase II Budget We anticipate the project coming in at least \$100,000 under budget, possibly more. We should know by the end of May or June when final bills are paid.

Ordinary Collections: Weekly budget remains at \$17,500 for 2023-24 fiscal year First Quarter: Under budget \$5,584.12
Second Quarter: Over budget \$28,843.94
Easter: Over Budget: \$771.00
Christmas: Over budget \$1,675.16
April: Over budget for the first 2 weekends

Diocesan Appeal (2023-2024):

Parish goal	\$73,464
Total Raised	\$51,743 – 70%
Donor Goal	185
Current # of donors	146 – 79%

Net Ordinary Income to March 30th - \$122,713.91

2. Religious Formation

- a. K-5
 - i. Only a couple of weeks left.
 - ii. May Crowning coming up.
 - iii. 30 students for first communion. It was awesome!
 - iv. Bingo, reviewing everything inside the church
 - v. No Totus Tous, they cap the number of students we can have, limited by number of volunteers.
 - 1. Doing a summer camp, we expect more than the limit of 80 students.
- b. Lifeteen
 - i. Wrapping up, focusing on Catholic teaching and traditions.
- c. Edge
 - i. Wrapping up, have been focusing on scripture
- d. OCIA
 - i. 8 candidates joined the church including 3 baptisms.

3. Community Pantry

- a. Paid Utilities for 9 families \$1,026
- b. Paid rent for 4 families totaling \$400
- c. Purchased food and toiletries for pantry totaling: \$2,496.47

4. Liturgy

- a. Music: Holy week and Easter went very well.
- b. Liturgical Environment: Easter lilies were great, lasted for 3 weeks.
- c. Pastoral care: Kathy White continues to help with nursing homes.
- d. OCIA: 3 candidates for baptism. 5 for profession of faith.
- e. Sacred Art: Doors are up and family room furniture is here.
- f. SpringFest: April 21st
- g. Corpus Christi procession: June 2nd
- h. Dedication to the new space went very well.

5. ASET

- a. No Update

6. Stewardship

- a. SpringFest
- b. Stewardship Conference in New Orleans, will be tough to make.
- c. POP Website: Reviewed, comparing and working to improve, add information. How do I get more involved?
- d. Stewardship Commitment Forms: helping create a plan and working with Church Staff

7. Building and grounds

- a. Stienbink's presented a detailed plan for \$150. A quote will follow.
- b. Irrigation – both drip and spray irrigation are possible
- c. Trees – growing and transplanting trees
- d. Clean up day is April 27th. UNK Football team will assist.
- e. Window and building seams – need some seams re-caulked.
- f. Rectory:
 - i. A parishioner has donated \$15,000 to replace cabinets and countertops
 - ii. Gas fireplace was installed.

- g. Next meeting May 8th.

8. Social

- a. Served sloppy joes March 9th
- b. Served cookies at the blessing of the new church
- c. April 14th reception for Sister John Marian
- d. 30+ new families since August.

9. Kearney Catholic School Board

- a. Activities complex – approved to name it “Star Stadium and Miles Field”
 - i. Informational meeting April 28th at 7 PM
- b. Match Madness – Raised \$99k
- c. Star Fund – Support teachers’ salaries
- d. 26 KCHS seniors have applied for 134 scholarships and the Foundation has received 3 tuition assistance requests. 23 families have applied for Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska.
- e. LB 929 will help children with emotional challenges
- f. Enrollment 350 – 58 now registered for 6th grade.
- g. Next meeting:
- h. Need 1-2 new school board members.

II. Old Business

- a. Phase II update:
 - i. Parking lot is in motion
- b. KCHS building project
- c. Eucharistic Procession
 - i. Carrying Eucharist walk that will total hundreds of miles. Ours is the Juniper Sarah route.
- d. Review who will be assigned to what committees
 - i. Brenda – Finance
 - ii. Ben – Asset and Watchman
 - iii. Kim – Buildings and grounds
 - iv. Amy – Welcome and school board
 - v. Charlie – anything education
 - vi. Tyler – Tech and School Board

III. New Business:

- a. Corpus Christi – June 2nd
 - i. Will do a procession around the parking lot. After 10:30 mass.
- b. Would like to start a communications committee

Next meeting: May 15th at 7PM, Fr Paul’s house

Closing Prayer: Ben