

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

August 21, 2024

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Minutes

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

Opening prayer: Ben

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

Staff: Cecilia Fick

Agenda: Approved Unanimously

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I. Committee Reports

1. **Finance Report:**

Pillars: Building on Faith: 352 families that have responded to the campaign \$3,042,400.92 has been pledged or donated (Includes 200,000.00 Cope Foundation pledge-over 4-year period) \$2,707,013.46 has been collected. Leaving approximately \$335,387.46 to collect by December 2024

Construction Loan: Current loan balance is \$610,000. The Diocese of Grand Island has approved a loan for \$600,000 at 3% interest. We will refinance from a construction loan to a long term loan as soon as all the bills are paid which will reduce the interest percentage.

Wish list: We have received 31 responses from the Wish list mailing totaling 52,871.00 in gifts and pledges. Latest item funded is pews for the old gathering spaces.

Pillar Campaign: We will start a Pillar campaign to pay the principal on the debt this fall by asking for one year pledges to be applied to the principal only. Interest will come out of general collections.

Ordinary Collections: Weekly budget increasing to \$18,500 for 2023-24 fiscal year
First Quarter: Under budget \$5,584.12
Second Quarter: Over budget \$28,843.94
Third Quarter: Over budget: \$12,193.81
Easter: Over budget: \$771.00
Christmas: Over budget \$1,675.16
Fourth Quarter: Under budget: \$8,236.07
Year End: Over Budget \$29,383.72
2024-2025 budget: \$18,500
July: Under Budget \$12,887.27
5% raise to Kearney Catholic, wage increasing, insurance increasing.
July and August are always under budget

Diocesan Appeal (2023-2024):

Parish goal	\$73,464
Total Raised	\$66,244 – 90%
Donor Goal	185
Current # of donors	156 – 84%

2. Catholic Community Food Pantry

- a. Paid 10 utility bills for \$1,026.01
- b. Helped 6 families with Rent.
- c. Helped 15 families with food.
- d. Total: \$3,643.97
 - i. Jubilee monthly: \$1,200 (rent, utilities)
- e. Need for food dropped because of the summer camp, the pantry was closed. Partnered with Jubilee.

3. Religious Formation

- a. Summer program, Marvelous Mystery was fantastic, all kids were included.
- b. Kid's will go through bible timeline this year
- c. We are excited for Leeta to join and be leading the 6-12 program.

4. Liturgy

- a. Bella Witte attended a worship/music conference in KC.
- b. Working on decorating plan for new space for Christmas.
- c. 5 nursing homes, get communion every week. Fr. Paul continuing to rotate saying Mass at Kinship and Brookstone.
- d. Good attendance at Assumption of Mary
- e. Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass talks about Adoration and exposition.
- f. Scratched Fall Mass in the park this year
- g. Bishop Hanefeld notes: 2025 is the Jubilee Year in Rome.
- h. 1 ordination in our dioceses next year as well as 6 permanent deacons.
- i. Jason Shuda will deliver a pro-life talk.

5. Asset

- a. Selected a Lenten book: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
- b. Good turnout for "Jesus and the Eucharist"
- c. Advent retreat with Fr. Scheetz has been confirmed
- d. Blue Christmas – date confirmed for December 1.
- e. Recruit project: Fall retreat and study focused on Created, captured, rescued and response.

6. Stewardship

- a. No minutes submitted, but the committee did meet in August.

7. Social Committee

- a. Served lunch to parishioners to Habitat for Humanity workers
- b. Along with Knights hosted the annual summer picnic on August 4th.

8. Building and grounds

- a. No Report

9. School Board

- a. Sara Homan Rolled off school board
 - i. Sarah O'Hare will be joining
- b. Finance books are updated and confident they are now able to provide more thorough and accurate reports.
- c. Received \$33,000 from Opportunity Scholarship Nebraska.
- d. They raised about 2.5 million and the cap was 25 million so it fell short of what

they could have collected.

- e. Next year there will be 10 million dollars from the State and no tax credits.
- f. Facilities team has done great things this summer.
- g. Enrollment
 - i. 6th- 61
 - ii. 7th-37
 - iii. 8th- 53
 - iv. 9th- 44
 - v. 10th- 53
 - vi. 11th- 54
 - vii. 12th- 45
 - viii. Total 347
- h. Stars Stadium Update
 - i. September 19th we are scheduled to play Minden at home. They were unwilling to move the game to Minden, so that game will be played at UNK.
 - ii. The plan is to play the Homecoming football game on September 27 at Stars Stadium.

10. **Watchmen**

- a. Starts Thursday, August 29th for the morning sessions and Tuesday, September 3 for the evening sessions.

II. **Old Business**

- a. Phase II update: The chandelier has been back ordered. This had delayed the final bill from the contractor.
- b. KCHS building project
- c. Reviewed committees
 - i. **Religious Formation** – Tyler
 - ii. **Stewardship** – Amy
 - iii. **Finance** – Brenda
 - iv. **Building and Grounds** – Kim
 - v. **KCHS** – Charlie
 - vi. **Asset** – Ben

III. **New Business:**

- a. Fr Marty Egging – Challenges with deteriorating vision.
 - i. Rectory in Pleasanton he is staying in.
 - ii. Doing Mass at Mt. Carmel
 - iii. Checking into more Mass at Good Sam and helping Fr Paul

Next meeting: September 18th at 7PM, Fr. Paul's house

Closing Prayer: Ben