

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS / ST. ALOYSIUS ~ PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ at St. Aloysius

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wentzel, Dawn Staley, Joan Pero, Bonnie Fish, Dan Ingalls, Jim Grant, and Denise Elsenheimer

Missing: Linda Root, Jim Malloy, Carol Hart,

We opened with Prayer.

Minutes were approved from the June Meeting

a. Update on Parish projects:

SM:

- Modernistic is done with mold remediation.
- West Side of Church old windows need to be sealed so that no more water will leak in the basement. Bob Berger is to come this week and give a bid and make a plan. Dick Paternoster is working with Bob.
- Inner doors in Narthex: Northern Commercial Doors waiting for materials to come in and will come and install.

SA:

- Re-glazing of windows is completed. Painting needs to be done on the outside window sills of the Hall after 3 weeks from this week.
- No parking issue on west side - grass was taken care of by placing white flags along the grass so people won't park there.
- Walkway from East parking lot: Jim Grant is meeting with contractors to get bids. There is a 3-phase plan to take care of the parking lots with Phase 1 being the front of the church and make a walkway to the East side parking lot.
- Boiler inspection thru Chubbs for the State of Michigan and Michigan Catholic Conference; we failed the inspection. Waiting for Top Notch to come back and fix it, then will call for a second inspection.
- Sprinkler system is being worked on at this time. Hasn't worked this summer. Mike Lefavre is looking at system and will see what we need.

- b. Status /updates of adult faith formation studies: Have adult faith this coming fall.
- c. Pastoral Planning for the Diocese – on September 11 we will have 2nd Vicariate Meeting at the Cathedral with the Bishop. Denise will be doing a flyer in the bulletin and give a spiel at the end of Masses the weekend after the picnic. There will be parish input for pastoral planning meetings on Sept 8 at 10 am at St. Al's and at 6:30 PM at St. Mary's. Will take these responses to the Vicariate meeting on Sept 11.
- d. Young women's/moms' group update: Moms had a breakfast at the end of July had a small but good event. Unsure of future outings.
- e. Listening sessions – items to move forward on was tabled
- f. Parish Picnic
We will have a 50/50 raffle during the picnic. Proceeds will be going to help fund the NCYC trip in Nov. There will be games, a cake (made by Sandi Orsini) surprise to celebrate Father's 75th birthday, a DJ with karaoke, meat supplied by the Knights.
- g. Feedback from Ecumenical Church Cookout July 27th at Railroad Square was great. St. Mary's and St. Al's was represented. The pastors from the other churches plus me were very happy with the outcome. There were more people than they expected. Great food and companionship.

- h. Election of new Parish Council members. This was tabled due to missing members Bonnie Fish and Linda Root are the new members for SM to be voted in. We need a new secretary, possibly a Chair and a co-chair. Jim Malloy is currently our Chair and Carol Hart is our co-chair and depending on what they say will determine what we need. Also want youth on the council.
- i. Prizes for chili cookoff last February. We still haven't gotten the winners anything. Denise was to go to Alden on line store to get the winners something. Our next chili-cookoff is the 1st Sunday in February.
- j. CSA
 - SA: At the time of the meeting was still -\$3,153 away from the goal. This does not include the \$2000 dollar donation or the \$140 recurring that will be posted by the next week. SA will be \$1,013 away from goal.
 - SM +\$2004 over goal as of this meeting.
 - Monies back to each Parish will be toward parking lot issues.

5. New business:

- a. Knights of Columbus updates
 - Gave around \$3700 in food to Food Pantry in Rapid City.
 - Gave NCYC \$1000 towards the trip
 - Will be cooking, paying for the meat, and helping with the 50/50 raffle at the picnic.
- b. St. Aloysius PCCW updates:
 - are doing a school supply drive until the 17th
 - Baby Bottle Boomerang will begin the first weekend of September thru the end of September at both parishes.
 - Annual PCCW sale is September 11-13. Accepting gently used items. Sale is in a new place: American Legion in South Boardman. Last day to drop off items is Monday, Sept 8 from 10am to 1pm.
 - Women's Retreat is Friday, October 17
- c. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry updates
 - NCYC: We have 8 students and 3 adults attending Nov 20-23 in Indianapolis. Cost is \$695 a person. We will travel with the Diocese.
 - Calendar K-5; Middle & high school: Calendars for K-5 are complete. Middle/High School forthcoming. Sacrament workshops are scheduled.
- d. Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance updates: Parking Lots need to be relined.
- e. Cemetery Committee updates: Need to form Cemetery committee at St. Mary's; status regarding the footing of the original church being in conflict with a recent "green" burial. Will look into this issue further.
- g. Maner Audit and Corporation news: These meetings went well. For the audit both parishes were in low-risk areas which is much better than the audit in 2023. Corporation meetings went well with Father Matthew Fuigerelli and the Chancelor.
- h. SM: bell vs carillon checking into this. Concern with real bell where should it go?
- i. SM 90th birthdays Mary Lou Lobb and Walt Goulet. Will put cards out for parishioners to sign at St. Mary's for the upcoming weekend.
- j. Packing Meals – there were 46,00 Emergency meals packed in 2 hours. We had parishioners involved with this from both parishes.
- k. Dawn Staley and Richard Wentzel will not be at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by Denise Elsenheimer

Next Meeting:

September 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Woods