

**St. Stanislaus Church
Parish Council Minutes
August 20, 2024**

Monsignor David Cox called the meeting to order and led the council with an opening prayer. New council members were welcomed followed by introductions.

Council Members Present: Pat Mingucci, Eric Jaegers, Tim Hagenhoff, Betty Keever, Pam Stonner, Emily Mantle, Emily Bailey, Missy Wilbers, and Sue Rackers **Special guest:** Tina Forbis, St. Stanislaus School Principal, and Gary and Dana Wilbers

Minutes: The minutes from May 14, 2024, were approved by all.

Stewardship Committee: Gary and Dana Wilbers presented a Stewardship Committee update. The 2nd year of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) will soon begin. Kickoff Sunday will be held on October 5, 2024. The Committee is considering a ministry fair on parish grounds after each mass that weekend.

- Parish survey results will be available at masses on August 24th and 25th. 186 parishioners completed the survey and approximately 48 pages of comments were received. Comments (unmodified) will be available on the parish website under the stewardship tab. Parishioners are encouraged to review the comments.
- *September 17th at 6:15 p.m.:* A listening session for parishioners will be held relating to stewardship. Members of the Parish Council, School Advisory Board and Finance Council are encouraged to attend (minimum of two representatives from each).
- *October 12th and 13th:* Lay witness to present at each mass.
- *October 19th and 20th:* This marks commitment weekend. Last year 25% of parishioners and 26% of school families submitted their commitment packets. Discussion followed about other ways to encourage submission of packets by parishioners and school families.
- Other areas in which the Stewardship Committee have been engaged or are expanding engagement include deanery meetings, RCIA with other parishes, ministry fairs, incorporating stewardship packets into welcome packets, food for the homebound, youth group, and rollout of a Welcome Committee.

September 15th Parish Event “Joy & Jesus”: This is a parish event for socializing and fellowship. It will take place following the 10:30 a.m. mass and will host a variety of activities for adults and for kids. Deacon Mike Brooks (Garth Brooks’ brother) will be the speaker. All are invited to attend.

February 8th: “Welcome” Weekend: This weekend retreat aims to inspire parishioners, build community and transform our parish. This event is brought by Dynamic Catholic. Additional information to come.

Parish Facility Updates:

- The parish recently updated the downstairs bathroom in the parish center to allow for better usage of the facility’s downstairs area.
- Other items being investigated include sewer drain repairs to eliminate water in the basement of the parish center. Two trees on the parish grounds are creating issues and need to be trimmed professionally, stumps require grinding, and tree removal is needed. Korte Tree Service and Troesser Landscaping submitted bids to perform services. Additional bids to be submitted and considered regarding foundation work.
- A request to beautify the island in the parking lot was made and noted. Discussion was held regarding prioritization of projects and ongoing maintenance.

St. Stanislaus School News: Tina Forbis reported on school news including:

- 186 children are enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year and 114 families.

- The self-study brought about a change in the entry for children into the school. It seems to be going well.
- There are two kindergarten classes with 24 total students.

Rental Policies: Monsignor requested a review of rental policies for parish facilities such as the gym, pavilion, etc. Discussion followed around calendar tracking, Virtus compliance, legal review of rental policies, and parish needs. In addition to these, it was noted brides currently use classrooms in the school for dressing for weddings. Monsignor suggested using the basement of the rectory for a bride's room and asked the council to consider as a future business item.

Parish Council By-Laws: Council by-laws were distributed to members for awareness.

Distribution of the Precious Blood: Parishioners inquired as to when St. Stanislaus will return to distribution of the Precious Blood at communion and reinstatement of the sign of peace. With cold and flu season coming up and a resurgence of COVID in varying forms, this distribution will not begin soon. Monsignor encouraged parishioners to do what they are comfortable with during the mass at the time of "sign of the peace" – shake hands, nod, etc.

Upcoming Meetings: The council designated upcoming meetings on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: October 15, 2024; January 21, 2025; March 18, 2025; and May 20, 2025. The next normally scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, October 15th, at 6:30 p.m.

Monsignor Cox led the council with a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers