

**St. Stanislaus Church
Parish Council Minutes
May 14, 2024**

Monsignor David Cox called the meeting to order and led the council with an opening prayer.

Council Members Present: Pat Mingucci, Eric Jaegers, Lisa Ashcraft, Tim Hagenhoff, Betty Keever, Pam Stonner, and Sue Rackers **Absent:** Emily Mantle **Special guest:** Tina Forbis, St. Stanislaus School Principal,

Minutes: The minutes from March 19, 2024, were approved by all.

Disabled Seating: The Council received a request for consideration of special seating in the church for parishioners with disabilities or temporary impairments. Following discussion of options to meet these needs, it was determined outreach to the petitioner should be made to better understand restrictions and needs.

May Events: Monsignor reported on some of the positive events which have taken place at St. Stanislaus within the past month. These include May Crowning, first communion, 8th grade graduation, and a patriotic rosary. He also indicated there were 32 baptisms in 2023.

Potato Peeler: The parish recently purchased a potato peeler for picnic and fall supper usage. The previous potato peeler will be donated to St. Margaret's parish.

Helias Advisory Board: Doug Hoelscher recently completed his second term on the Helias Advisory Board. Spencer Allen, Helias Principal, requested nominations for the position. The ideal candidate should be an alumnus of Helias Catholic and without children in attendance there. The advisory council begins to meet in September. The Council discussed options and were asked to submit names to Pat Mingucci by June 4, 2024, for consideration of this appointed position.

Mass Schedule for the Picnic: Consideration is being given to leaving regular mass times as is during the weekend of the parish picnic. Pros and cons were discussed. The Council plans to conduct outreach to the picnic parking chairs to address potential concerns before making final decisions.

St. Stanislaus Crosswalk/Intersection: The Council received a request regarding safety concerns with the school crosswalk and intersection. Following discussion, it was determined the decision would be one for the County or the Village of Wardsville.

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

- 180 children are enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.
- There will be two kindergarten classes.
- The 2024-2025 school year will bring some changes in classroom assignments.
- The school is in need of a second pre-school aide.
- St. Stanislaus is one of 5 Catholic schools sharing a counselor position. The search for a counselor continues. Other schools involved in this effort include St. George (Linn), St. Francis Xavier (Taos), Holy Family (Freeburg), and St. Mary School (Frankenstein).

Parish Council Elections: The Parish Council will need to fill 3 positions. Elections will be held in July. The Council will begin searching for candidates for these positions.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers