

**St. Stanislaus Church  
Parish Council Minutes  
October 17, 2023**

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, Emily Mantle, Pam Stonner, and Sue Rackers.

Absent: Betty Kever

Special guest: Tina Forbis, St. Stanislaus School Principal

**Minutes:** The minutes from August 8, 2023, were approved by all.

**Stewardship:** Pat provided an update relating to the recent distribution of the Stewardship Guide and witnesses given at the recent weekend masses. Monsignor reminded all that the new stewardship process replaces the previous diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. This new method should result in lower contribution requirements from St. Stanislaus to the diocese. Monsignor noted the upcoming Time – Talent – Tailgating event to be held on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, to recognize and celebrate the feast of St. Stanislaus in fellowship with other parishioners.

**Fall Supper Update:** Preliminary numbers were provided relating to the Fall Supper. The event raised \$45,102.25 in dinner sales only. Approximately 2,081 adult dinner tickets, 73 children dinner tickets, and 1,233 carryout tickets were sold. Income from the Fall Supper fundraiser has been earmarked to pay toward expenses for paving the parish and school parking lot. A number of visitors commented on the warm welcome provided by members of the parish.

**Improvement Projects:** Recent projects completed on the church grounds included repair of the stairs behind the school and the prayer chapel entry steps.

**St. Stanislaus School Update:** Tina Forbis provided the school report:

- St. Stanislaus School has completed the first quarter of the school year.
- Students in third through eighth grade, along with their parents, attended Protect Young Eyes talks sponsored by the diocese. This organization provides guidance on internet safety for families and explains digital trends, social media, and parental controls.
- She also reported on the importance of awareness around phone apps such as BeReal and Discord and stressed the value of parents downloading and using the same apps their children are using.
- Security fobs for entering the school are up and running. The school is exploring the potential addition of fire alarms and security cameras and has requested pricing quotes.
- The Wardsville/Osage Bend Fire Department has offered to participate in upcoming fire and tornado drills for the school.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> was a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the holy land. Students of St. Stanislaus School abstained from eating meat and participated in a silent lunch.

**Vocations:** St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City recently hosted a vocations discussion. Representatives attended from St. Stanislaus and St. Margaret's Parishes along with representatives from St. Martins, St. Francis Xavier, and Immaculate Conception (Jefferson

City). The group participated in discussions around vocations, shared ideas about current activities, and discussed ways to support and grow vocations. Father Paul Clark provided information on the stages of seminary development.

**Parish Directories:** Parish directories are under development, and the council discussed cost and distribution options of completed directories.

**Upcoming Meetings Dates:** The next normal scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. Future meetings for 2024 are March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers