

**St. Stanislaus Church
Parish Council Minutes
October 15, 2024**

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

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

Minutes: The minutes from August 20, 2024, were approved by all.

St. Stanislaus School News: A counselor will be present at St. Stanislaus School one day per month to assist children in need. The counseling position is held by Brooklyn Rehmert. This is a shared position between several area parochial schools. Counselor visits will be determined through requests made by the student(s), or through parent or teacher recommendations. Tina Forbis also indicated the end of the 1st quarter of the school year.

Knights of Columbus: Monsignor reported the Knights of Columbus hosted their first meeting in the new building. It has also been used already for the Walk for Life and for two parish funerals. Monsignor indicated the house purchase (an estimated \$320,000) from the Knights of Columbus has been finalized.

Priest Institute: Monsignor attended a priest institute at the Lake of the Ozarks. The topic centered on vocations of all types: priesthood, marriage, etc. Emphasis was placed on the shortage of priests in the Diocese and the need to actively highlight vocations and God's calling. The Diocese is holding a training workshop focused on vocations on November 2nd to provide direction on creating the appropriate environment for consideration of vocations. Several parishioners have been asked to attend.

Amendment 3: Amendment 3 on the November election ballot amends the Missouri constitution to include abortion. All parishioners are being asked to pray a Novena from October 27th through November 3rd to pray for failure of Amendment 3. Parishes in the Diocese are also asked to include prayers of petition at masses on October 26th and 27th and November 2nd and 3rd. Information will be provided in upcoming bulletins advising how to pray the Novena. Tina Forbis also indicated this information would be included in the St. Stanislaus Star.

Disabled Seating: The Council discussed a parishioner request for removal of four kneelers in the back of the church to accommodate parishioners with disabilities. The request included consideration of changes to the restroom to accommodate the disabled. The Council discussed a number of options and alternatives. While concerns were expressed about providing suitable accommodations, a determination was made, there are other viable options to accommodate seating within the church for parishioners with disabilities, and renovations to the restroom would be difficult due to the limited space available in the back of church.

Parish Strategic Planning: Missy Wilbers and Pat Mingucci were approached to serve on a committee which would assist the parish in strategic planning including the development of a mission statement and parish spiritual goals. This aligns with strategies adopted by other businesses and is anticipated to be completed by December 10, 2024.

Mass Time Changes: A parishioner request was made to move Saturday evening mass to an earlier time. Following discussion and feasibility, it was determined an earlier mass time would limit the time of day weddings could be held and would impact confessions and other services. Monsignor added the churches within the Diocese often work together to offer a variety of mass times to accommodate needs and schedules.

Property Report: Betty Keever has been working with Jude Markway to address property repairs. A variety of parishioners were involved in various projects including maintenance of the school air conditioning, water softener, filter replacement, etc. Korte Tree Service will arrive within the next week or

two to finish tree trimming. Parking striping, tuck pointing and sand blasting have been completed. Doors were installed in the parish center to allow for separation of the office space from the general meeting area, and a bathroom was plumbed in the basement. A memorial grotto area was suggested. This, along with other landscaping projects, power washing and floor repair, are being discussed and prioritized. The following items were requested:

- a monthly walk-through of the property with Jude to stay current with needs, and
- an ongoing spreadsheet including costs be provided to the Council.

Parish Council Officer Elections: The Parish Council voted to leave the following Council members in the following roles: Pat Mingucci, President; Eric Jaegers, Vice President, and Sue Rackers, Secretary.

Upcoming Meeting: The next normally scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers