

**St. Stanislaus Church
Parish Council Minutes
January 21, 2025**

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

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

Minutes: The minutes from October 15, 2024, were approved by all.

St. Stanislaus School News: Eric Jaegers, Pam Stonner, and Betty Kever provided an update of the rental policy review for parish facilities including the gym, kitchen, cafeteria and combinations thereof. They researched rental fees applied by other parishes for their facilities. While all parishes have variations in facility types and fees, the committee found current rental prices for the gym at \$300 and for the kitchen and cafeteria combined at \$150 to be in alignment with surrounding parish fees. Their recommendations were to allow parishioners only to rent the facilities and to consider charging fees for insurance associated with the rental (\$95/1 day event or \$135/2 day event as advised by Winter Dent). Discussion followed about parishioner use of the field next to school for soccer, flag football, etc., and determined this could be done on a first-come-first serve basis with no fees involved.

Parish Facility Maintenance: Betty Kever reported on parish facility maintenance. She provided a list of jobs completed on the parish center, parish grounds, parking lot, school, and church. She advised work on the basement bathroom of the parish center has been put on hold indefinitely. She said a parishioner conducted research on cost for improved landscaping in the parking lot across from church which was noted by the council. Betty also reported that Brad Copeland from the Chancery Office will be touring the parish grounds in the spring of 2025 to gain understanding of long-range parish facility/grounds plans.

St. Stanislaus School News: Mrs. Forbis provided a brief school update. She indicated students and staff experienced an extended break due to weather. St. Stanislaus has approximately 2 ½ - 3 snow days left for the year.

- Catholic Schools Week is scheduled to kick off at 10:30 a.m. mass on January 26th.
- The council discussed potential impacts to the bus service for St. Stanislaus students based on the change in bus services at Blair Oaks R-II School District.
- Letters of intent were sent to staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

Parish Events: Monsignor reported on a number of upcoming parish items.

- **Music Survey:** A *Sacred Music for Liturgies in the Diocese Survey* is available to be completed by mail, online or in-person by February 3rd. The survey asks for parishioner assessment of music ministry and importance. Parishioners are encouraged to participate.
- **Vocations:** February 9th is a vocational call day for priests (Call by Name), and parishioners will be invited to share names of those thought to be potential sisters, brothers and priests. He also reported on the next Vocations Committee meeting on Monday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. Prayer cards will be administered with the bulletin on February 9th.
- **Feast of St. Blaise:** Administration of blessing of the throat will occur following masses on February 8th and 9th in honor of the feast day of St. Blaise.
- **Jubilee Year:** Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope". Monsignor reminded that we all are on a journey to grow our relationship with Christ. He would like to explore the idea of a parish pilgrimage.

Parish Vitalization Committee: A team met a few times from October 30 – November 1 to form a Parish Revitalization Plan. The Parish Vitalization Vision Statement is "Our parish vitalization plan vision is to form courageous disciples to build up the Kingdom of God. Through fellowship and engagement,

our parish community will welcome, pray, educate and serve all people as a center of charity and mercy to grow and unite our parish family." They have developed a goal sheet to identify what the group wants to accomplish and steps in how to achieve those goals. This information will be shared in the bulletin and online.

Parishioner Request: The Council discussed a parishioner request for a flashing light at the crosswalk and concerns around the padding in the church kneelers.

Upcoming Meeting: The next normally scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers