

SJB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday September 8th, 2025 - 6:30
Meeting location: Library / Zoom

Members present: Dick Brisson, Becky Bub, Phil Coppersmith (Zoom), David Flood, Amy Geiser, Erin Gramza, Larry Menting, Don Mersberger, Josette Svitter, Fr. Subi Thomas, Lisa Schoneman (staff). Absent: Jerry Baltus, Kevin Widder

Welcome, call-to-order: 6:30pm

1. **Opening Prayer** – Becky Bub
2. **8/11/25 minutes** – Approved as submitted
3. **Pastor's report** – Fr Subi

Fr Subi and the Faith Formation staff have been reviewing our Faith Formation Program, bringing it into line with the PC Vision; A new curriculum has been established for the high school, including the confirmation programs. The Confirmation classes will now start at 10:30 after Sunday Mass, instead of 8:00 so Father will be available to attend the sessions and help teach the fundamentals of our mission statement.

LOA Campaigns: Parking lot project should be started about mid-September and take about 21 days to complete. The Bathroom proxy request has just been approved by the Archdiocese, and a construction firm has been awarded.

4. **Finance Council update** – Lisa/Amy – Year End Financials review

Year-end financials – Fiscal year ending 6/30/25 ended with a loss of \$6,375, versus a budgeted loss of \$144,579. We exceeded our budgeted income by \$75,000 and also came under our budgeted expenses by \$63,000. We are planning on presenting the results to the parish during the weekend of October 18th, with a bulletin component plus a short pulpit presentation by Jerry. There was discussion regarding the amounts, especially compared to budget, but there were no additional comments or concerns.

5. **Vision Statement** – share Next steps – Erin, Dick, Fr

The committee met and discussed the next steps in rolling this vision out to the parishioners. Father will take on much of the communications. The official rollout will begin at the weekend Masses Nov 8-9, and to the faith formation group at the Mass on Nov 12, then to the school group on November 13th. It is thought the Pastoral Committee would host a donut/coffee gathering after Mass that first rollout weekend.

6. Committee Liaisons

A. APC Update – Phil - The Deanery meeting has been set. It will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish, Sheboygan Falls, on October 18th 9:30-noon. Anyone on the Council is welcome to join me. The agenda will be determined from the APC meeting on September 13th

B. School Advisory Committee – Dick B. 1. Enrollment is at 449 150 students; 2. Continued growth in the language arts area in particular. 3. Although there is some growth in certain areas of math, it will remain an area that the teachers focus on for improvement. Researching a new math program this school year to be implemented 2026-2027. 4. Need more participants for the golf outing. Sign-up numbers are low. 5. Fundraiser going on at Culvers on Monday (9/8) to support the 8th grade trip to DC. 6. The current music teacher has resigned so we will be looking for a new teacher.

C. Faith Formation – Don M. – Walking With Purpose: Discovering Your Dignity: a 22-week study of women of the Old and New Testaments: Current registration (from SJB, STA, and other parishes, in-person and virtual groups): 88 96 women/ 11 of them new to Walking With Purpose (registrations are still coming in) begins September 23.

On Saturday 10/18/25 there is an all-day youth (HS) event at Our Lady of Help (the Shrine in Champion). The cost has been covered by a sponsor. Chaperones (safe-guard trained) are needed.

D. Liturgy - Becky B. – a. The Jubilation Choir and Praise Ensemble will be back from summer break starting Sept. 6/7. The Youth Choir will continue to sing for 1 mass per month. b. Beginning with the new liturgical year (1st Sunday of Advent), we will begin to have the 4 common cups back at Mass for the distribution of the Precious Blood. There will be a refresher on the logistics of the distributors

E. Human Concerns – David F

Rock The Block: David indicated he has received an outpouring of support and interest—at least 6 people per Mass have expressed an interest. It appears that the first day of this event (Thursday) is fully covered.

Advent Giving Tree: There is already interest and improvements are being discussed to make this a wonderful event.

F. Stewardship – Larry - Jeni Lemke Andrews (Welcoming ministry chair) would like to restart a simple coffee & donuts Sunday. She knows this may be overlapping with parish life, but she would like to help get them going. She thinks that they could be hosted monthly by parish ministries as an opportunity to highlight themselves. She is looking for some ideas on how to get this going and engage the ministries.

G. Open topics – Common meeting night is 10/6/25. Next PC meeting is 10/13/25

H. Closing prayer