

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date 2/17/2026, Time 6:40 PM Place ND Church Hall

### Attendees: 23

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Jan Swiderski  | <input type="checkbox"/> Diana Cathcart   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sal Merenda        | <input type="checkbox"/> Silvana Pandolfe | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Ingraham  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobbie Sicignano   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucy Petrella    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Laducer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Spitzmacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Nadine Ernst     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gail Mullaney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Pizzo       | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Whalen     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Murphy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Banack       | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Greco      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Arrigoni       | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Robillard   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Capega         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pat Sicignano    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hughes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Hughes      |  |

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sal called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Offered by Fr. Jan
- III. **Committee Reports:**
  - i) **Finance Committee:**
    - (1) Dave Larson Reported the next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026.
    - (2) He was happy to report the Capital Campaign was doing very well. Our goal was to raise \$85,000. Donations so far, exceeded our goal and we have collected \$119,000.
  - ii) **Trustees:** Carol nor Cheryl had anything new to report
  - iii) **Property Management:**
    - (1) Tom Capega reported the Bathrooms in ST. Colman have been cleaned and freshly painted.
  - iv) **Faith Formation:** Diana Reported
    - (1) Confirmation students will be cooking a meal for a dinner at St. Vincent DePaul
    - (2) March 1<sup>st</sup>: The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be attending the Pancake Breakfast
    - (3) March 29<sup>th</sup>: students will participate in the Palm Sunday procession
    - (4) April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM the Confirmation will take place at St. Sebastian
    - (5) Fr. Jan said they possibly have a replacement for Diana
    - (6) RCIA class has 6 attending
  - v) **ST. JOHN PAUL SCHOOL:** Sue Ingraham said she has nothing to report.
  - vi) **Care & Share:** Lucy reported they have held one reception. After expenses they have a balance of \$4,538.
  - vii) **Ladies Guild:** Diana reported that they do not have plans to do Easter Basket Raffle this year. The Ladies' Tea is planned for May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - viii) **Pancake Breakfast:** Silvana said next breakfast is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to free will donations they are able to remain self-sustaining.

- ix) **Knights of Columbus:** Paul Robillard reported Paul Oville has accepted position of Grand Knight.
  - (1) Ray Arrigoni has volunteers from their Council who will put on a Pizza Supper for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent (2/20/2026) for the Lenten Supper.
  - (2) March 14<sup>th</sup> George & Cassie Gorton will be awarded for their many years of service to our Church.
- x) **Craft Group:** Bobbie said the Spring Bake Sale & Craft Fair will be held in ND Church Hall on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am- 2:00 PM.
- xi) **Flower Angels:** No reports. Both Churches looked beautiful for the holidays.
- xii) **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors:** Karen Whelan said everything is status quo.
- xiii) **Youth Group:** Carrie Reny & Marie Greco reported 7 kids went skating
  - (1) Looking for someone who could teach line dancing one night.
  - (2) Kids would like activity such as ping pong. Fr. Jan said he has a ping pong table they could have. Tom Capega will arrange to have it moved over to STC.
- xiv) **Fund Raisers:**
  - (1) **Tag Sale:** JoAnn has planned a meeting in March for regular volunteers. The Tag sale should be considered as two entities- one indoors and one outdoors. Fr. Jan restated that Peter Dontigney heads this up and has recently come to make a plea for more volunteers. Garage should open for donations in April.
    - (a) Nadine reported they raised an additional \$700 by advertising items on Facebook Market Place.
    - (b) Marie Greco said the young people would like to have a task list when they volunteer. Also, it should be communicated to Tag Sale folks to expect kids when they are coming.
  - (2) **Durham Fair:**
    - (a) Two booths - Food booth and Basket Booth
    - (b) Debbie has paper work completed
    - (c) Cheryl will act as Chairperson for booths. She will need at least 1 volunteer to manage the Food Booth as a Captain for each day of the Fair. It is critical to get volunteers.
- xv) **NEW Business:**
  - (1) much discussion regarding best way to recruit new volunteers.
    - (a) People need personal interaction to help enlist people.
    - (b) Need to determine interest of people and have contact
    - (c) Need to communicate to parishioners the areas of need
    - (d) Suggestions included Pulpit announcements
    - (e) Distribution of papers placed n pews
    - (f) Committee Formed to further determine how to proceed. Volunteers to work on this included Sal, Paul R., Lucy and Karen. They will develop a questionnaire.
- xvi) **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM**
- xvii) **Next meeting** scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6 PM in ND Church Hall.