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ALL SAINTS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES ***Tuesday, August 5, 2025***

I. Opening: The meeting was opened with a prayer and stating the mission statement.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Eric Barrow (2026), Tom Carnes (2027), Joshua Herbert – Chair (2027), Jeff Mersmann (2027), Darlene Murray – Vice Chair (2026), Bev Wilgenbusch – Secretary (2026), Joan Erhart (2028) Cindy White (2028), Tim McComas (2028), Mark Kirchgassner (2028)

III. Approval of June, 2025 Meeting Minutes

June minutes were not available to approve. Will request that they are available for the September meeting.

IV. Agenda

1. Committee Updates:

- a. Finance Committee (Draft of annual fiscal report)-***See attached 2024-25 Annual Financial Report, as well as monthly Sunday collections report.***
- b. Maintenance / Physical Facilities-***No significant updates at present. A comment was made to have the parish office ceiling evaluated in the meeting room.***
- c. Proposals/Bids for Review-***Still awaiting additional bids for concrete steps at St. Martin's.***

2. Old Business

- a. 175-year anniversary of St Martin's. The Feast of St Martin November 11. We are thinking evening Mass with catered dinner to follow at St Martin's-***See comments below.***
- b. Vacation Bible School (in June). ***This was well received. The kids loved it and great thanks to Cyndi and Teresa for planning it!***
- c. Church Dedication Dates: We are planning a mass and celebration for the Solemnity of the Dedication of each church building in Dearborn County. ***New request: Can parish council own the four annual dedication anniversary masses and receptions from start to finish. This includes planning, setting up, staffing and cleaning up. The ladies sodality will manage the parish feast day masses and receptions. There is a budget for the dedication masses/receptions (potentially a few hundred per event). Already have Dorothy Latham to cater St. Martin's 175-year anniversary/dedication dinner.***

June 2nd: St. Lawrence

July 2nd: St. Mary's

July 8th: St. Paul

Sept. 29th: St. Theresa

Oct. 19th: St. John (during weekend mass)

Nov. 10th: St. Joseph

Nov. 11th: St. Martin (175th)

Parish council is happy to assist with Church Dedication dates. Tim and Darlene will manage the St. John's event on October 19th at the 9:15 mass with donuts. Bev and Joan will manage the St. Joseph event on Monday, 11/10 at 5:45 with cookies, and

Cindy, Jeff and Mark will manage the St. Martin even on Tuesday, 11/11. Cindy will talk with Emily about the catered meal and an RSVP invitation.

3. New Business

- a. Preliminary festival results and gratitude to committees. ***St. Martin's: went well as well as 5k. St. John's was up as well. Suggestion made to look at dates for these two festivals to spread them out.***
- b. Preschool and religious ed updates. ***CGS changed schedule from last year, added a classroom, and dates for Confirmation and Sacramental Prep are set.***
- c. New finance council members. ***Noted.***
- d. Girls Graced Retreat is August 24. ***Noted.***
- e. St. Monica mass is August 27 for family and friends who have fallen away from the church. ***This is at St. Martin's at 5:45.***
- f. St. Joseph of Arimathea mass is August 30 for those that make our funerals happen (mass and dinner). ***This is at St. Martin's after 4 pm mass.***
- g. OCIA begins in early September. Please invite people to come and learn about the faith. ***It begins on 9/4; currently have 20 participants. Had a discussion on how to keep graduates engaged. Maybe consider creating a UCA like form to offer service opportunities. A personal call would also help with re-engagement. Consider having some sort of welcome process to meet and engage with them.***
- h. Homeschool discussion-guest-Katie Reatherford and other homeschool leaders. ***We had a great discussion about the homeschool co-op process and homeschooling in general with representatives from our local co-ops. A document was presented outlining their goal of becoming a ministry of the parish, as well as how they contribute to the mission and vision of All Saints. Father Meyer will explore other churches who have homeschooling ministries in the archdiocese and provide recommendations for the future. The homeschool co-op leaders were very appreciative of having the current space to meet and recognized with gratitude how welcoming All Saints has been to them.***

IX. Pastor's Comments / Purpose Fulfilled:

1. Sharing by All: Purpose Fulfilled
2. Closing prayer and meeting adjourned