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ALL SAINTS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES **Monday, October 13, 2025**

I. Opening: The meeting will open with a prayer and reciting mission statement.

II. Roll Call:

- 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 September, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve September 1st: Will approve at December meeting
- Motion to approve September 2nd:

IV. Agenda

1. Committee Updates:

- a. Finance Committee: Collections are going well. Youth and Young Adult ministries received \$15,000 to fund activities like SEEK/religious ed events. Expenses overall are on track with expectations.
- b. Maintenance / Physical Facilities
 - SM Church Steps Project
 - Eric mentioned 3 projects that need to be evaluated: Chapel Entrance, organ maintenance, and lights at the St. John's Hall.
- c. Proposals/Bids for Review: None to approve at present.
- d. Ars Report: Each month, we have been running a positive financial impact. Though small, but it continues to be self-funded.

2. Old Business

- a. UPDATE: 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.
- b. UPDATE: 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 (complete)
 - July 2nd: St. Mary's (complete)
 - July 8th: St. Paul (complete)
 - Sept. 29th: St. Theresa (complete)
 - Oct. 19th: St. John (during weekend mass)**
 - Nov. 10th: St. Joseph

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

- c. Church and school safety protocol updates: Have made progress. Doors are locked now as listed in the protocol. We are working with the ushers but we could use more ushers to support this process. Joyce and Gary Munchel will share ALICE training information with ushers who couldn't attend it.
 - d. St. Vincent DePaul Society at All Saints updates: Hope at present is to find some parishioners in the St. Vincent de Paul method in how to encounter people who are struggling in poverty.
 - e. Had a great meeting with homeschool families reviewing the letter about becoming a ministry of the parish. Based on archdiocesan input, co-ops will not become a ministry. We do support home school organizations and will communicate more clearly about how resources of the church can support home school groups.
3. New Business
- a) Advent & Christmas Ideas: We are looking for additional ideas to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Potentially tap St. Vincent de Paul new group to assist with the poor. An outdoor mass was mentioned. All Saints Lights would be awesome! Maybe consider something for our shut-in/nursing home parishioners. An All Saints Christmas album would be nice. Father Mahan will be home for Christmas and will celebrate some masses.
 - b) Rome Pilgrimage: Next year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Father Meyer will take a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in November of 2026. Will be announced internally to parish first.
 - c) We reinstated our Adoration Chapel committee. Met for the first time tonight. We will implement an adoration summit on Saturday, November 29th at St. Louis in Batesville.
 - d) Met with both of our deacons recently for a check-in. They are amazing and we greatly appreciate their service. Both are in active ministry. Compassionate service and wedding preparation are some of their projects that are such a great contribution to our parish.
 - e) A festival meeting is upcoming. There are conversations about potentially moving dates but will likely not change dates at this point.
 - f) Darlene mentioned that the door at St. Joseph's handicapped entrance does not have a door stop that would be helpful with people in wheelchairs.
 - g) St. John's church door stop needs to be tightened because sometimes the door does not shut properly.

IX. Pastor's Comments / Purpose Fulfilled:

1. Sharing by All: Purpose Fulfilled: Religious ed is off to a great start with huge numbers. Great feedback from parishioners. Gobble Wobble is moving forward and such a blessing. Great weddings recently showed God's love. Pro-life is going strong and committed to preserving life.
2. Closing prayer and meeting adjourned