



DIVINE GRACE PARISH

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2025 St. Gregory Library - 6:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Father Jim with an opening prayer.

Attendees:

Father Jim, Laura Dadey, Judy Shearer, Patrick Savio, Joyce Gaydosz, Rosina Betz, Lara Zelch and Diane Unni

Laura extended a warm welcome to new members Lara Zelch and Diane Unni, who will represent Holy Redeemer Church on the council.

Laura motioned to approve the minutes from March. Judy noted two corrections, which Joyce addressed and shared in a revised version on April 11. The amended minutes were approved.

1) Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update – Michael Assaf

- A summary provided by Michael listing the ministry's first -year achievements (attached separately), detailing progress in both youth and young adult groups.

2) Father Jim's General Updates

- Music Director Jon accepted a new role in Texas, with his last day being May 31st. Kevin Johnson, former assistant director, will be the new Director starting June 1st.
- The Finance Council has tentatively approved moving forward with selling Ritzert Hall due to high maintenance costs (\$20K–\$25K annually). It was appraised at \$630,000–\$750,000. Parishioners will be informed via the bulletin and given an opportunity to respond before diocesan approval and listing with a realtor.
- The sale of the St. Agatha property process remains ongoing but is facing regulatory challenges with the city.
- The Zelenople Open Market will be starting soon; the parish will have a table at the weekly market every Thursday. Divine Grace will also participate in the 4th of July Festival in Ellwood City, and CTCC Community Days.



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3) Parish Festival – Raffle Basket Donations

- The council agreed to repeat last year's raffle basket theme: "Local Family Fun." Members were encouraged to contribute gift cards, cash, or theme-related items. The contributions are due by the next meeting on May 22.

4) Surveys

- The council reviewed the recent parish survey results and gathered input for an executive summary to be published in the bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm with a closing prayer. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22.