



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE AND SHAKOPEE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SJA Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes April 22, 2025 | Held at St. Mark's Social Center

1. CALL TO ORDER: by Rob Whitcomb

- **ATTENDING:** Father Michael Becker, Father Frankie Floeder, Trustee(s): Jean Marschall, Jeff Thuringer
Business Administrator: Julie Bennett, Chairman Rob Whitcomb, Secretary: Kelley McAllister, Member(s)
Jim Moriarty, Dan Stephens, Ted Nelson, Nora Galvan
- **ABSENT:** Jim Weiland, School Advisory Committee liaison: Jessica Peitz

2. OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME: Opening prayer by Father Becker

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA: Motion to approve the March minutes and the April agenda by Jim Moriarty, second by Dan Stephens. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. PASTOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS: Father Becker

- Easter Mass was well attended with early morning Masses at capacity. Consider addition EM upstairs at St. Mary's next year for Easter or have usher's redirect people earlier to even out flow for communion.
- The Deacons' Lenten talks along with Father Frankie's talk on purgatory went well. They are now available on the website.
- The Lenten Fish Fry Dinners were a good Parish event. Attendance was down slightly from last year. Final costs have not been presented yet. Special thanks to the Knights, and all the volunteers who made this a successful event.
- Stained Glass Windows – Were ordered and should be arriving soon.
- Having a Greek class offered at the school has not been received as well as Father Becker hoped. He spoke to the staff and School Advisory Council and the thoughts were to offer it as an elective.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: by Julie Bennett

- Account Position has been filled. She is an alumna of SACS and Holy Angels and a soon-to-be graduate of the University of Minnesota. Her first day will be May 12.
- Elevators – Considering other vendors to contract with for elevator maintenance & repairs to reduce costs.
- Financial Overview – As of 3/31/25 our collections are slightly ahead of budget, but below last year to date. We had a positive response to the priests' request to increase giving. We are keeping our expenses in line with the budget. For the school, there was an increased need for financial aid, which is part of the reason for the tuition revenue line being below budget. Overall, as an organization we have a positive net income.

6. PARISH COMMUNICATION:

- Father Michael asked Nora if the Latinos had any feedback about the new church design. She said there were some asking if there would be a communion rail with kneelers and a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Rob – Asked if we had heard anything about the proposed Government budget cuts – Concern that our school would not receive funding for Busing, School Nurse, Counseling services, and books if it passes. We need to be communicating with our Representatives.

7. CLOSING PRAYER: Father Frankie

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be held on May 27, 2025, at St. Mark's Social Center

The agenda will be prepared and sent out to Council members as far in advance as possible.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley McAllister, Parish Council Secretary.

