



ST VERONICA SENIORS

MINUTES

February 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman **Ben Buerger** at **12:59 p.m.** The meeting opened with prayer.

Special Presentation

Mrs. Karen Stephanick, Speech Team Moderator, from the school, introduced the Speech Team which is in its 42nd year. The 8th graders commenced to give their respective speeches. Membership was enthralled with the performance of 21 team members. All did a fantastic job of presenting famous speeches from years past by people and topics of celebrity and prominence. Their performance was immensely enjoyed by the entire membership. It was exhilarating to see our younger generation perform with such passion and commitment.

Afterwards the meeting continued; the Gospel for the **First Sunday of Lent** was read aloud, and the Gospel reflection question was discussed at each respective table. Ben made several comments to the membership about the Question of the week about how we were going to make this the best Lent.

Recording Secretary's Report

Len Culver, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of the **January 8, 2026**, meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Kinney, Treasurer, reported a beginning balance of **\$8,407.54** and an ending balance of **\$7,735.27** for the month of January. Activity for the month included a deposit of \$30.00, from Split-the-Pot. Expenditures totaled **\$702.27**, of which most were for the gifts to our Priests for the Christmas Season. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as presented.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Juanita Yersky, Corresponding Secretary, no report. It was noted that Juanita was in the process of recovering from a health set back and prayers were requested for her speedy recovery.

New Business

Chairman Buerger acknowledged and welcomed new members attending the meeting.

Ben informed the membership of the Qualified Scholarship Organization on the Ohio Tax Credit program that would benefit St. Veronica School as well as the taxpayer. He emphasized that it would not be an additional cost to the taxpayer. What is taking place is that one would be directing up to \$750 of their Ohio State tax liability straight to St. Veronica School. If all parishioners did this it would have a huge financial impact on the school's budget. And that would be a good thing.

Ben further reported that the planned trip to LaComedia in April to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" is cancelled. He further explained that we could not get a bus at a reasonable cost. To cover the cost of the bus and the tickets he felt would be cost prohibitive. Ben further recommended that we consider going to see a comedy called "Something Rotten" in September hoping that the cost of the bus would be more reasonable.

Ben informed the membership that the Holy Name Society is doing the Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent. He indicated that the first one is tomorrow, Friday the 20th. He said they are looking for volunteers to help and encouraged everyone to participate. It is a worthwhile fundraiser.

Father Pat Crone graciously accepted Ben's request to give a presentation on Lent at our next meeting.

It came to the floor that Pat Wahl was currently recovering from a health set back and that prayers were requested for her speedy recovery.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Split-the-Pot

- Total Split-the-Pot: **\$130.00**
 - First drawing: **\$30.00**
 - Second drawing: **\$20.00**
 - **Third drawing: \$15.00**
 - Fourth drawing: **Karen Weinle's** handcrafted seasonal/character
 - Treasury share: **\$65.00**
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Closing

The meeting adjourned at **2:34 p.m.** and closed with a prayer led by the membership.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026, which will include our quarterly luncheon. A contribution of \$5.00 is requested but not required. The meeting is returning to its regularly scheduled time of the Second Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard D. Culver
Recording Secretary