

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
September 18, 2025
Approved Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Kisley at 7:19 pm.

Attendance: Father Dery, Frank Kisley, Patty Kisley, Judy Mayer, Sara Ramker, Ruth DeGroff,

Absent: Sam Taets

Guests: Annette Uker, Tammy Lamb, Deacon Paul Brown, Bill Denner

Minutes of August 21, 2025, Pastoral Council Meeting: Patty made a motion, Ruth seconded the motion and the Minutes of the August 21, 2025 were approved.

Old Business:

Frank called Sheriff Beaver who will be making a preliminary walk-through of the church on Sept 25 at 9:30am to offer what he would recommend from a law enforcement perspective for security measures for the church.

Bill suggested from his banking experience, it is important to limit access points into the church and this could be done by leaving only the main door open.

Usher training is set to take place October 4th and 5th after Mass.

Changing the hinges on the doors going into the sanctuary was found to be an extremely costly ordeal, so it is just going to be an added usher duty to sit close to the doors and open and close them when parishioners need to go in and out to eliminate the swinging.

New Business:

10 black 8' tables were purchased with proceeds from the rummage sale. It was decided that there would be a sign up sheet with Jill in the office for parishioners to use at no cost.

Farm lease and information was provided by Frank. Frank is consulting various types and members of the parish to find out their opinions on what should be done with the land that Dustin Balsley has been renting with the lease coming to an end. Bill suggested selling the land on auction and investing the money. He believes the person farming the land should be the one who owns the land. An unofficial vote was taken as to whether to sell the land, rent the land, or crop share. Frank and members are going to continue to get the opinions of parish members. If the land is to be sold, it should be done before the end of the year as there is a great tax benefit.

Frank provided information about the silver cord program at Osage High School. In order for a senior to earn the silver cord, they are required to complete 40 hours of service for the year. Members thought this would be a great opportunity for help at church meals and other fundraisers.

The current dumpster outside the church is overflowing by Monday morning. Frank is going to contact Red Can to see if they can get the church a bigger dumpster at a better cost than Jendro out of Charles City, who provides the present service.

Gary Hemann has found someone to make a custom railing for the choir area. It will be installed in the near future.

Ruth expressed the need for a blood pressure cuff in the kitchen area as well as another AED(s) in the church. It was approved by consensus so Annette will be ordering the blood pressure equipment and Patty will be looking into getting more AEDs.

Patty brought up the need for the rectory to be cleaned once a month. A mennonite couple was suggested to Patty, but council members suggested seeing if there is an interest within the parish, for the job before hiring outside help.

The church A/V Room is being gifted a new computer and two screens by the Knights of Columbus. Frank is waiting for a quote from Ian at Sim Sound to update the system so the sound is separate in the church and parish hall.

Marilyn Coonradt is requesting to have carpet in the music room. The Knights of Columbus will be taking care of this project.

Deacon Paul Brown shared some basic points that will be discussed at the regional Journey in Faith meeting on September 26th. Because of the shortage of priests, there will be new pastorate models proposed with groupings of parishes. Deacon Paul realizes this will be very difficult for all parishes involved, but especially those who will no longer be having Mass said at their church. He also mentioned that with change comes opportunity and we should focus on the opportunity that might present itself. There are two other regional meetings scheduled for October 12th and November 9th from 4-5:30pm.

Father Deery's Report:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) will begin in January and will be part of the current faith formation program at Sacred Heart. Level one is for ages 3-6 and will be offered by Lora Hargens. Sacred Heart has acquired all of the Rockford church's materials for various levels. Lora will provide some information to parents after the opening Mass for faith formation.

Next meeting date: October 16, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Ramker