

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
February 19, 2026
Approved Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Kisley at 8:28pm.

Attendance: Father Dery, Frank Kisley, Patty Kisley, Sara Ramker, Ruth DeGroff and Guests Annette Uker and Bill Denner

Absent: Sam Taets and Judy Mayer

Minutes of January 15, 2026 Pastoral Council Meeting: Ruth made motion, Patty seconded the motion and the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Updates for Floyd County farm sale can be found in the finance council minutes from February 19,2026.

A cabinet and signage were put up in the gathering space in the church for the AED. A couple shelves are going to be built for the first aid kit and stethoscope. The safety recommendation is to be changed every 10 years. Patty ordered a new AED costing \$1422.04.

Sam Taets made an evacuation and shelter in place plan. Bathrooms and the basement in the school are two places to take shelter. Frank is going to email what Sam has come up with to the councils. An area of concern is figuring out how to get to the school basement to shelter in place when the door is locked going to the school from the church.

A church painting committee has been formed consisting of Adams Marks, Linda and Jim Stefl, Annette Uker, Steve Johnson, Judy Mayer and Frank Kisley. They have met with the painters and they will be getting back to the committee on a price. They are going to start by painting around some windows this summer and the committee will decide how they like it.

The idea of a funeral planning committee was brought up. Currently, Annette meets with families whose loved ones have passed away to plan the music and readings. The Council contemplated having Annette pass the family off to someone like Jan Adams to plan other details of the visitation, hospitality and meal planning. Ruth suggested a funeral hospitality space and/or shelf with supplies such as kleenex and coffee cups. Patty made motion to have coffee and water for the families of the deceased at the visitation. Ruth seconded the motion.

There are elevator banquet sheets on the tables in the gathering space to sign up. They are now asking for help from the entire church rather than mostly the Guild in past years. Many people signed up already to help. March 8th is the setup date for the banquet.

Frank is in the process of getting estimates for partial pew cushions. Ruth made a motion to consider. Patty seconded the motion.

Frank emphasized the importance of being transparent with parish members and working towards that goal. Frank is considering writing a summary of key points from the meetings and having them put in the bulletin.

Frank believes the faith formation closed meeting was pretty much an attack on one person and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. If Robert Rules of Order would have been followed this would never have happened. Frank brought up the extreme decrease in numbers of those in the faith formation program as well as those who attend the Catholic Heart Work Camp. The question was asked: is it a personal or process issue? It's up to this council to make changes when problems are identified.

Patty made the motion to approve buying mower and snow removal equipment from Marks Tractor. Ruth seconded the motion.

New Business:

The Parish Safety and Security Guide was handed out to all council members. A follow-up report to the safety inspection completed January 26, 2026 by Tyler Gielau at Catholic Mutual Group was handed out as well. All of the recommendations listed have been taken care of.

Patty noted the need for a newer, more comfortable wheel chair for the church. Patty made the motion to approve a new wheel chair being purchased and Sara seconded the motion. Frank will be checking into prices and options for a new wheel chair.

Next meeting date: March 19, 2026

Father Dery closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Ramker