

**Visitation Finance and Parish
Finance and Parish Council Joint Mtg
Minutes
November 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Visitation Church Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Sandy Mayer.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Members Present: Ronnie Pitzen, Don Hofland, Geri Brumm, Phil Streit, Matt Thome, and Betty Johnson with the Finance Council, Sandy Mayer, Steve Brumm, Joni DeMaris, and Audrey Barker with the Parish Council and Fr. Peter Dery.

3. Agenda: It was moved by Phil and seconded by Ronnie to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Minutes: Minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Don and seconded by Ronnie to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Motion carried.

6. Financial Reports: Financial Reports were April, May, June, & July were reviewed. It was moved by Ronnie and seconded by Don to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

7. Old Business

- a) Fall Festival Results – we served 652 and \$20796.94 was raised and has been put in the regular checking account.
- b) Plant New Trees/Landscaping Ideas – New trees have been planted north of the church
- c) Landscaping/Engraved Rock – Ryan Hemann came and looked at the area where the engraved rock will be placed. Landscaping and placement of the engraved rock will be completed in the spring.
- d) Church Banners – The Committee of Aggie Theobald, Anita Adams, Sue Wageman, and Audrey Barker picked out some welcoming banners that have been hung at the entrances.
- e) Anita Adams Replacement – Carol Mullenbach has agreed to take the place of Anita Adams in mass preparation, etc...
- f) Floor in the Church Hall – John Chicos, with Flortress, and his wife were present for this portion of the meeting. They gave a presentation of their polymer floor sealant and gave details of the work involved. They have offered Visitation a discounted rate at a cost of \$18,421.20 for the complete project. Other quotes ranged from \$20,340 to \$30,192. It was moved by Audrey and seconded by Geri to proceed with John Chicos with Flortress to do a Polymer Flake floor seal application to the Visitation Church hall floor at a cost of \$18,421.20. Motion carried.
- g) Leak on West Side of Church – there is a crack in the foundation on the west side of the church in between the entrance steps. This is causing moisture to run inside and there is mold on the west basement walls. A few contractors have been contacted to look into repairing the crack.

8. New Business

- a) Snow Removal – No one has come forth to accept the snow removal job so parishioners will be contacted and a work schedule will be made.
- b) Janitorial Duties – Tony will be out having back surgery. Sharon can handle a lot of the duties but will need help with some things so asked the group to assist her when able.
- c) Church Picture from Chuck Hackenmiller – Chuck took a photo of the church this fall and has offered it to us to print as long as we recognize him when it's displayed. It was suggested to get a printed 2 x 3 photo in a matted frame.
- d) Fr. Peter Welcoming Reception – the group would like to have a welcoming reception for Fr. Peter. It will likely be in April of 2026. Masses would be switched between Osage & Stacyville and we would have a lunch following 10:30 a.m. mass.

- e) Journey of Faith – meetings have been held to reorganize our cluster due to a shortage of priests. Input is due by November 21, 2025. Archbishop will make the decision of what parishes will join together in clusters. An announcement will likely be in April. The change is expected to start around July 1, 2026. New councils will be developed.
- f) Nativity for Outside – it was suggested to get a nativity to display outside of the church. Sandy will talk to the ladies at coffee on Friday.

8. Meeting: Fr. Peter suggested that meetings be held more frequently. With the holiday's coming up, the next meeting will likely be held shortly after the new year.

9. Adjourn: It was moved by Matt and seconded by Ronnie to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Betty Johnson, Finance Secretary