

St. Joseph the Worker Parish-Pastorate 1
St. Mary's Church, Bloomington, WI
June 11th, 2025 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Council Meeting of the St. Mary's Church of Bloomington was called to order on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Fr. Sudhakar. Council members present were Gary Mumm, Bill Mezera, Chris Bishell, Vice President Tom Beyer, new council members [Virginia Schaefer, Jane Patterson and Rose Mumm], Paul Wegmann, Charlie Errthum (Financial Trustee) and Pastorate 1 Priest Fr. Sudhakar. Julie Jentz, Melanie Mergen and Daniel Herbers were absent. Public members present were Nelda Krogman and Helen Ihasz.

Council members leaving are Paul Wegmann, Melanie Mergen, Bill Mezera and Gary Mumm retiring as Parish council president [but will stay on as a member of the St. Joseph the Worker's Transition Board]. Melanie Mergen will be the St. Mary's Church representative when the new St. Joseph the Worker's parish council is formed once the consolidation has taken place. The 2025/2026 parish council president is Tom Beyer, a vice president has not been named, and Jane Patterson is the parish council secretary.

Maintenance Projects: Paul Wegmann reported on the bids to remove eight trees in the grove north of the Church. Two tree services offered bids: St Joe Tree Service LLC of Fennimore for \$6,500.00 and Millbranch Tree Service LLC of Cassville for \$2,500.00. After a brief discussion regarding the trees, motion (Paul Wegmann) second (Tom Beyer) was made to hire Millbranch Tree Service LLC of Cassville to remove the trees, on a voice roll call yes-9, no-0, motion carried. Tony Trento has a snow blower for sale that he purchased about a year and a half ago, asking price is \$400.00. The Church needs a new snow blower and after a brief discussion-motion (Paul Wegmann) second (Jane Patterson) was made to purchase the snow blower for \$400.00, on a voice roll call, yes-9, no-0, motion carried.

School Update: Billiejo Hyer has been hired as the 4K/5K teacher and Mrs. Kelly Copsey will teach the 5th/6th grade students. We have received one and possibly two inquiries about the 7th/8th grade position. A St. Mary's School parent has reached out about scholarships for two students to attend Camp Gray this summer. The cost of the camp is \$600.00 for each child and financial help would be greatly appreciated. The council unanimously agreed to grant Melanie Mergen (head of the CCW) the authority to make the decision concerning whether or not the CCW would provide scholarships to fund the cost of attending the camp.

The St. Mary's Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped with Fr. Sudhakar's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Many compliments were received on the delicious food and beautiful Mass/music.

Upcoming Events: The Blake's Prairie Fair will be held July 18th through the 20th. The Holy Name fair stand will be providing food and refreshments. The St. Mary's golf outing date is not known at this time. St. Mary's Fall Festival is scheduled for September 13th & 14th. The Fall Festival planning [meeting] date is set for Monday June 23rd at 6:30 pm.

There was a brief discussion by the council regarding a plan of action if a tragedy happens to a parish family. Virginia Schaefer volunteered to help reach out to those families in need.

Other Business: Pella out of Dubuque will be replacing windows in the rectory. Half of the replacement cost was taken out of the Maintenance Fund. There is also a donation fund set up for parishioners to contribute. Julie Jentz will advise Charlie Errthum {Finance Trustee} of the remaining costs.

Fr. Sudhakar closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Patterson-Parish Council Secretary