

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish
Monthly Council Meeting
May 20th, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Linda Klein, Fr. Greg, Maryann Hockstad, Ann Dickson, Lorna Cook, Tom Felix, Charlie Irwin, Damian Rueda, Yvonne Ramey, Pauline Fredericks, Larry Powers, Thad Larson and Kate Callender (recording)

Excused: Dcn Lauro and Lupita Teran, Chuck Muscato, Fran Cassidy, Michelle Mitchell, Linda Denno
Linda K. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Fr Greg led the group in an opening prayer. There were no changes or corrections to the April minutes.

Finance (Kate): Income for April was \$98,439. Donations from Good Shepherd Mission totaled \$1,460. Expenses were \$77,276. The average weekly offering for April was \$21,387. The Parish general fund level is \$592,906 and the Building Our Church balance is \$87,874.

Faith-Based Nursing (Lorna): Lorna thanked the Parish for the blessing imparted on the nursing staff and caregivers at 10 a.m. Mass last weekend. The nurses have a supply of Narcan for use in case of emergency loss of consciousness; however, the recommendation continues to be to call 911 for assistance.

Ladies of St Andrew (Maryann for Fran): Baby Shower for Baby Jesus was a big success. Donations are being accepted for the Bazaar.

Pipe Organ (Maryann reporting for Michelle): The pipe organ concert featuring organist Jeffery Campbell was very well-received and generated over \$400 in donations to the fund. The Patriotic Pipes concert is scheduled for July 11th.

Annual Catholic Appeal (Ann): The Parish not only met, but exceeded the goal, reaching 137%. Les Orchekowski addressed the Parish with a message of gratitude for their generosity at Mass last weekend.

Building and Grounds (Maryann): The team has been busy with repairs around the campus including a defective light, sprinklers and some minor roof issues.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Pauline): A grant request has been submitted to the City to pave the parking lot at the thrift store. Homeless shelters are full and there has been a recent uptick in homelessness. The SSVEC employees put together a 501(c)3 fund for the sole purpose of assisting those in need with not only electric bills, but other utilities as well.

Knights of Columbus (Larry): The Arizona Knights collected \$326,000 from the State raffle, all of which will be distributed to charities throughout the State.

Our Lady of the Sierras Foundation (Charlie): This month, Fr Bob Gonzalez presented a wonderful program about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Scholarship Update (Thad): Checks for the winners of the Scholarship will be distributed this week.

All Saints School (Damian): The school had some great end-of-year events for all students, including an awards ceremony. Enrollment numbers are off to a great start and hopes are high that the target of 100 students will be reached.

Youth Ministry News (Yvonne): Turnout was great at the Vinny's Pizza fundraiser with over \$600 in tips donated and a further \$1,000 expected in proceeds from the sales. Ten members of the seekers group will be making a trip to the Grand Canyon. The Parish has been asked to send young people to the Diocesan youth council. VBS is scheduled for the first week of June.

Draft Budget review: Council members had the chance to review and recommend modifications to the proposed Parish Budget for fiscal year 2026. The Council will vote on the budget at next month's meeting.

Pastor Report: Fr. Greg expressed congratulations to the winners of the scholarships, Alexander Slone and Keyla Rueda. An ice cream social in honor of Fr. Mike Bucciarelli's 50th Anniversary of ordination will follow the 10 a.m. Mass on June 22nd.

Linda K. adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and Fr. Greg led the group in a closing prayer.