



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – April 8, 2025

Elected Members Present: Gale Britto, Julie Laurenzi, Beth Schick, Chris Murphy, Marisa Block, Jim Lancellotti, Anne Savastano and Joan Miller

Elected Members Absent: Kate Gallaher-Carson

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, Deacon Carl Locatelli and Mark Carson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Deacon Michael McCabe and Rosa Gonzalez

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Others Present: Tony Mazzeo

The meeting began with prayer at 7:01 p.m.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2025, were approved and seconded.

Ministry Reports were given:

Administration and Stewardship

There is still concern about the culvert. The state highway department has been contacted twice, but they have never reported back as promised. Obviously, this is not a priority for them as there are still potholes to fill, but we will follow up after Memorial Day.

Education and Faith Formation

- Pat Davies' Saturday morning group, 31 sessions using a series of five books based on St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, has ended. The first six-week session using the book "Love" will be repeated in the fall, beginning September 13.
- Deacon Carl and Liz Locatelli were thanked for all the work that went into Deacon Carl's five-week Lenten Reflection Program, and Pat Davies was acknowledged for

her “Finding God in All Things” program, a precursor to the Lenten program. Both were well-received.

- Links to potential Renew programs were provided to enable more detailed discussion at the next meeting.
- Religious Education continues to prepare for Confirmation at 11 a.m. on April 26 with Bishop Lagonegro, as well as First Eucharist at 11 a.m. on May 10.
- Religious Education registration for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on Monday, May 12, and Wednesday, May 14. Registration also involves recruiting volunteers for next year.
- SPYM events:
 - A Teen Chat after Mass on May 18.
 - Attending the Renegade’s Faith and Family Day on May 31.
 - A barbecue in June to celebrate graduating seniors.
 - Participating in Circleville’s Fourth of July Parade.
 - A pizza and movie night in August, a Fishing Derby in September and the Harvest Festival in October.
- SPYM’s planned Prayer Service was canceled because Stations of the Cross took place all the Fridays in Lent.
- SPYM would like to host a fundraising Car Show in the church parking lot. Details are still being ironed out.

Art and Environment

Tony Mazzeo worked with other ministries to reorganize the shed. Everything needed for Holy Week has been located, and volunteers are now being sought to decorate the church for Easter.

Worship and Spiritual Life

Nothing new to report.

Social Activities

A decision has not yet been made as to whether the Parish Picnic will be September 14th or 21st.

Christian Services

- There were fewer items available through the Food Bank earlier last month than typical, although the subsequent visit was better. This again raises the concern about the impact of changes in the USDA. Discussion ensued about ways to encourage more parishioner involvement through promoting Food Pantry Sunday. Posters in the vestibule the week before, along with bulletin and from-the-altar announcements were proposed.
- The Consolation Ministry reported that there were two funerals since the last meeting. John Horan had a wonderful send-off as well as Diane Bain. And although the Ministry Spotlight did not result in any additional volunteers, two people reached out looking for services. Additional ideas to assist the bereaved are being discussed with Fr. Sean.

Chairperson's Report – Gale Britto

Nothing to report, other than the Third Listening Session is April 27, and it is important Parish Council members are there to help.

Vicar's Report – Fr. Sean

- The feedback from the Sunday Lenten Gospel Reflection series is being worked on to share in the bulletin. Liz is stuck commuting and hasn't seen it yet.
- John Horan's funeral brought to mind again the question of whether there should be a ramp at the front entrance. There was discussion about a less-expensive portable aluminum ramp, which can stay out, as well as a concern about people tripping.
- The youth ministers need to discuss their car show concept with Fr. Sean first, who will make a decision before bringing it to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7:26 p.m. with a prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti