

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2026

PRESENT:

Voting members: Dave Nash, Shelley Thomas, Brooke Talkington, Chris Calvert, Dan Marshall, Toni Warburton, Tiann Colwell

Non-voting members: Larry Gion, Terri Calvert, Julie Brown, Mary Skiles

Excused: Staci Celli

Absent: Mike Esselstein

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. and Dave led the group in opening prayer.
A quorum was established.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brooke made a motion with Tiann offering the second to approve minutes of the March meeting.
Approved by vote.

Dave reported having spoken with Casey Seymour re: gutter/drainage status. Casey said the gutter covers installed last year hopefully have done their job – he will check.

First Holy Communion is this Sunday the 19th at 10 Mass. Fifteen children will be taking their first communion.

Per Mary Skiles– our Council by laws did not need to be amended – so, no change at this time (from the last meeting regarding replacing members and/or completing terms).

Dave asked for additional comments re: Jordan Colwell’s letter and reviewing security status at St. Agnes Mass..... NO comments at this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

Father Konka reported that he shared the draft letter written by Dave Nash regarding Security issues, with the Bishop last weekend. The letter was intended to be reviewed first by Fr. Konka then voted on by the Council, however Fr. chose to share it with the Bishop in person. The Bishop responded via letter to Fr. Konka (see later discussion).

Terri Calvert: no new report

Julie Brown: looking to hire two teachers..... 2nd and 5th grade teachers for next school year.

Mary Skiles: Foundation will hold their annual meeting in May.

Larry Gion provided a 9 month report into our current fiscal year----- short almost 25K to budgeted amount.... (-37%)

Average weekly loss of 40% recently. Total in the past 9 months income of \$319,840 which is under budget by \$113K/26%short.

Designated gifts provided some relief. Preliminary #'s for April - close to budgeted amount on Easter – two designated donations totaling \$19K.....

Larry asking on behalf of Teresa about maintenance work that is being invoiced. She is wanting clarification as to what work has been ordered and by whom.

Church office got bill from Snell's Service re: floor drain and back flow at rectory.....

Big Mac - boiler repair bid of \$6900???? Status.... Mike was handling that.....

\$2700 for camera replacement in front area per Terri. Needed it completed by Easter and it was.

Tree Monkey..... regarding removing dead trees and trimming other trees. \$5200 bid, \$5000 gifted anonymously for the project. Dan Marshall handling.

Discussion regarding needing to re-establish a maintenance committee..... Mike – Casey - Adam??? We really need a formalized plan. Advertise in the bulletin for any interest in serving on the committee. Dan said he would participate/observe from the Council's perspective.

Also questions about the insurance company's safety surveys..... who has the survey for the church – Julie has already completed hers from the school perspective and turned it over to the insurance company.

Dave will follow-up with Adam, Mike and Casey..... and follow-up on the boiler repair status.

Additional in-depth discussion regarding the locking of church doors during Mass:

The Bishop's letter talked about his willingness to review a safety plan..... 'I don't need to have the final say'..... 'you have my support'..... 'Does not have to be decided by me, ' were just a few of the comments he made. Everyone recognized that Fr Konka has the final say and Fr. Supports submitting the Usher Guidebook proposal and recruiting additional usher staff. He supports putting the plan in place and seeing how it works for a several month trial period.

All agreed we need additional staffing for ushers..... Ideally, need three ushers at least on duty at each mass to cover entry doors – education for parishioners will be a must as well.

The Bishop would like to review our proposed safety plan..... the proposal includes two options. We will send our proposal plan to the Bishop for his review and comments.

Next meeting May 5th due to day of obligation on our normally scheduled date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. – closing prayer by Fr. Konka.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Thomas