

Parish Council Minutes 11/11/2025

Voting Members	Present/Absent	Non Voting Members	Present/Absent
Stacy Celli	P	Julie Brown	P
Tiann Colwell	P	Terri Calvert	P
Mike Esselstein	P	Ethan Gion	A
Jerry Fitzgerald	A	Father Konka	P
Terry Fox	P	Mary Skiles	P
Nick Marez	A		
David Nash	P		
Casey Seymour	P		
Brooke Talkington	A		
Shelley Thomas	P		

Additional representatives attending: Larry Gion, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Fr. Konka led the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes from October meeting: Minutes were reviewed, no additions or corrections offered. Tiann Colwell moved approval, Terry Fox seconded the motion, minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Father Konka opened the meeting by giving us details about our responsibilities for the Diocesan Appeal. Due to the Outreach Project the number of families factoring into the equation has decreased. This year our goal is \$29827. To date we have collected or have been pledged \$15190 or right at 50%

Elevator repair folks should be at church 11/12 **an addition, a repair man was also here on 12/4

Terri Calvert Parish Report:

We have 17 preparing for confirmation which will be held April 12th

We have 16 preparing for first communion which will be held April 19th

There are nine participating in OCIA and two will be baptized! Casey Seymour is helping. Thanks Casey!

Due to major conflicts on the 9th of December which would be our next parish council meeting it was discussed and determined that we should forgo our December meeting. There is a funeral meal in the Garden room as well as the schools Christmas Program. Shelley Thomas motioned that we not meet in December, Terry Fox seconded the motion, vote was unanimous to not meet in December.

Julie Brown School Report

Nothing official, however, Julie did report that once again we have no maintenance person but she does have someone doing custodial work. The biggest potential problem is with snow removal with winter approaching. Terri will contact Austin to ensure he is able to come to remove snow not only prior to the start of school but during the day as needed. Casey Seymour will help with removal as well.

Mary Skiles Parish Foundation report No official report, the group will meet next May.

Larry Gion Finance Committee Report

Larry provided an update on the budget. As has been the case in the last several months we are running below budget. The finance committee did increase the weekly budget to hopefully create a situation to improve. General discussion concluded that everyone is struggling a bit but we should keep plugging away.

Larry has been approached by three parishioners about giving from retirement funds and estates. Larry is working on our "self inspection" report for Catholic Mutual, it is due soon for the 25/26 fiscal year. As of our meeting Larry has all reports from foundations only home school association is still needed.

Additional report from Fr. Konka regarding praying the rosary before all Masses. There was some objective discussions and considerable prayer and it has been decided to continue with the practice for now.

Casey Seymour reported the Knights have received 250 coats and 120 kids have received new coats as of our meeting.

Tiann Colwell started a discussion about safety issues by relaying a circumstance she experienced recently in the gathering space and balcony. She reported that he was a young man the was acting strangely and seemed quite out of place. Discussion again centered on closing the balcony unless absolutely needed and encouraging the ushers to have the radio for the emergency center on hand at all times during Mass.

It was proposed to revisit constructing a gate to the balcony. Mike Skiles will come to look and make suggestions about what can be done. For the time being a sign is in place stating that the balcony is closed.

Review of Preamble/Mission Statement. Discussion centered around suggestions and updates proposed at our last meeting. Mary presented the "final" copy and some adjustments were confirmed. Shelley Thomas moved that we approve the Mission Statement, Terry Fox seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the Statement was approved by unanimous vote.

Review of the By Laws. Casey Seymour motioned to approve the By Laws, Shelley Thomas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the By Laws were approved by unanimous vote.

Both the Mission Statement and By Laws will be linked to the Parish website.

The parish council will have four members hitting their three year commitment to the council in January. We will announce the openings in the bulletin January 10/11 and 17/18. The deadline for submission of applications will be Monday February 9th. With Fr. Konka on vacation this will give us an opportunity to gather and review applications and make recommendations to Fr. Konka at our February meeting after his return.

Fr. Konka conducted the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday January 6th at 6:30. A deviation from the normal second Tuesday schedule but move will accommodate Father Konka's attendance prior to his leaving on vacation.

Respectfully submitted by David Nash, Council Secretary