

Holy Trinity Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025
6:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic School Classroom

Opening Prayer

Father Adam

Attendance

Members in Attendance: Rebecca Hanson, Dan Willger, Sarah Warring, Mike Drost, Dean King, Mike Sweeney, Father Adam, Father Isaiah

- Additional Attendees:

- Members Absent: John Kinnick, Walt Organ, Father Phil

**Council Members:* Rebecca Hanson, Dan Willger, Sarah Warring, John Kinnick, Mike Drost, Walt Organ, Dean King, Mike Sweeney, Father Adam, Father Isaiah, Father Phil Juza

Treasurer's Report

Mike Sweeney

- See attached Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- Email from Mike Sweeney (dated 5/2/2025) was sent to HT Pastoral/Finance Council
 - Budget Deficit – Continued discussions occurring
 - Second Pulpit announcement to happen
 - CCW is going to help cover costs (\$1,000) for #6042 Elevator Repair
 - Big Budget Items #6122 (Grounds Upkeep) and #6125 (Snow Removal) – Contract with CM Lawn Care LLC is approximately \$12,000 plus the cost of the cemetery. Could be around \$18,000 by end of year.
 - Snow Removal and Lawn Care will be moved to Building and Grounds going forward.

Old Business

- *Signage by the Highway:* Has been **TABLED** from the 5/28/2022 meeting and will be revisited at a later time.
- "Restricted Gift" of \$5,000 was donated by an anonymous donor (per Chris Janssen) with the specific use for Mental Health. Possible idea: Grief Group – **TABLED**
- *Signage in Front of Church:* Dan has completed and installed the new sign. **COMPLETED**
- *Building and Grounds Committee:* Jon Meier also agreed to be on the committee. **COMPLETED**
- *Re-establish the Enhancement Committee* – A list of interested members has been created. Father Isaiah will invite those individuals. **COMPLETD**
- *Confessional:* This has been added to the Enhancement Committee **COMPLETED**

Continued Business

- **Donation for Memorial Bench** – Father Isaiah will speak to Father Adam for a final decision on this. Council members will support whatever decision is made, but feel that benches are not needed
 - Donation was made in memory of Dorothy Kodesh (for bench and plaque on the bench by the Fatima Shrine). Total amount donated was \$660.00 in to the general checking account on 2/20/2023.
 - Rebecca Hanson will follow up with Tony Kodesh to see if we could “re-route” this donation to help cover the new sign versus a bench, with the idea of having a plaque on the back in memory of Dorothy.
 - The Kodesh family does not want the money “re-routed”. They would like one or two benches to line the walkway entrance to the church.
 - Idea that these would not be permanent benches as they need to be easily moved for mowing and snow removal.
 - Updates: Father Adam spoke with Kodesh Family and returned the donation since we could not use the money as it was intended.

COMPLETED

- **Bishop Hammes Center** – What are the arrangements for building upkeep, payment for use, financial obligations?
 - A contract from 1990 was located, but there are no terms/agreements on a rental cost. The Dioceses are the current “renters”.
 - Holy Trinity owns the property and therefore is responsible for upkeep, maintenance, etc. “Minor” upkeep such as painting on the interior of the building is up to the renters.
 - Per Mike Drost, re-negotiations with the lease contract were started in 2005 or 2006 but it was tabled at that time.
 - Father Adam and Mike Sweeney will work on drafting a letter for re-negotiations with a couple options: 1) Renters pay a set amount of rent per month (approximately \$250 each month) so that when maintenance/repairs are needed, the rent money can pay for the fixes; 2) Eviction. Granted we do not want to evict the current renters, but we also do not want repair costs to come out of the Holy Trinity budget.
 - Mike Sweeney drafted a letter for Father Adam. Mike will follow up with Father Adam to see where this is at.
 - Updates: Waiting on response from Diocese and/or it could be sitting in Father Adams emails. Mike to follow up with this.

- Snow Removal and Lawn Care – Randy Mancl did snow removal for winter of 23-24. However, Randy did not complete this work for 24-25 even though a contract was supposed to be signed for this past winter. Rebecca worked with Caleb Mlejnek (CM Lawn Care). Caleb has agreed to complete lawn services for the Church grounds and cemetery grounds for 2025 summer for \$300 weekly (\$150 for cemetery and \$150 for church grounds). CM Lawn Care has also stated that he does snow removal.
 - Council agreed that Rebecca can get quotes from CM Lawn Care for snow removal for the 25-26 year. She will inquire of possible sidewalk clearing as well.
 - Peterson Lawn Services is currently donating lawn services for the ball park area.
 - Updates: 1 Year Contract signed with CM Lawn Care.
 - This will now be moved over to Building and Grounds
 - Plan is to try and contract with a service to complete all 4 churches (in the future to help secure best rate)

- Diocese of Superior Pastoral Plan was emailed to council members at 6:00 pm today (2/27/2025). Relevant pillars for closer review would be I, II, and IV. Pillar IV has the most particulars to look at, including a cemetery committee, etc. Goals for 2026 on Growth and Evangelization.
 - Additional information and work will be coming during the upcoming year regarding this plan.
 - Updates: Each church will be selecting goals (2-3) for the upcoming years and will be selecting from about 70 options to support the vision and mission of the Parish
 - Due by May 2026
 - Mike Sweeney will send out the website information to the goal/objectives
 - Need a minimum of 2 goals (1 maintenance, and 1 mission)

- **Removal of old organ** (broken, per Mike Drost) – and is it possible to then move the Clavinova to that spot? Pulpit announcement will be made to see if anyone wants the organ. If not, then it will be disposed of. Yes, the Clavinova can be moved to this location.
 - Updates: This is done. Old Organ was placed in the dumpster. Clavinova was moved to this location.
 - Pews will be adjusted to account for the extra space at the front of the church.
 - **COMPLETED**

Additional New Business:

1. Daily Mass and Confession Schedule Proposal:
 - Monday: Noon @ SJ
 - Tuesday: 8:30am @ HT (and Confessions weekly) + 5:30pm @ SJ
 - Wednesday: 8:30am @ SJ (and Confessions weekly) + rotating nursing home Masses
 - Thursday: 8:30am @ SJE (and Confessions weekly)
 - Friday: 8:30am @ OLOL (and Confessions weekly) + rotating nursing home Masses
 - Saturday: 8:30am @ SJ, followed by ~9am Confessions (moved up from 10am) + 3pm SJ Confessions
 - a. Discussions held and council agrees with the proposed plan.
 - b. Would not start until January 1, 2026 if the other councils approve.
2. Mike Drost bought a new microphone for the main pulpit and the old microphone went to the Clavinova. Mike submitted receipt and received payment. **COMPLETED**
3. Thank you cards sent out to the companies and individuals that assisted Dan with the new signage in front of the church (Peterson Lawn Services, DP Juza, Olson Upholstery, Ken Willger, and Paul Warring) **COMPLETED**
4. Thank you cards will be sent out to the following individuals (by Rebecca) for assisting in the cleanup of the church and school: Mike Drost, Mike Sweeney, Dean King, Chris Janssen, Bev Ogan, Walt Organ, Benita Kodesh, Emily Bjugstad, Paul Bjugstad
5. Mike Drost is on the Liturgy Committee – last meeting was on October 2nd. Notes will be sent to council to add to meetings for review and if needed Mike will report to council if there are any needs. **COMPLETED**

Future Meeting Dates: Tentatively: HT Pastoral/Finance @ 6-7pm on select Thursdays: Dec. 4; Feb. 26 (budget); May 28

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at _____ 7:05 _____ pm.

Closing Prayer

Father Adam