

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

Present: Fr. Dury, Jay Hedrick, Tim Gose, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Angela Ray, Paul Stokell, Courtney Sauvie, Dennis Braun; Gabe Gessler

Absent – Mike McDonough, John Endres, Nate Schroeder, Kelly Fleser,

Opening Prayer – Fr. Dury

New Business

Update on schools – Fr. Dury

- Will meet with Architect and leadership team
 - Will present master plan possibly this summer
- Will move forward with fundraising in 6 months
 - One fund one campaign
- Have the support of the Mayor and city council
- This will be the first new catholic HS in 70 years – in the Columbus Diocese
- Timing to have HS operational is within 3-5 years
 - Grades PreK-4 also

50th Anniversary of the church is in 2027

- Currently we have a team in place
 - To document history
 - Develop a directory
- 2026 - 50th year
- 2027 - 1st mass

Committee Updates

Finance –

- Parish is in a good financial position
 - Collections are up due to more families joining the church

Evangelization –

- Survey on mass times until 6/1
 - 662 responses so far with the majority aged 55-65
- Hallow App for St. John Neumann
 - More features for small groups
 - Parish mission
 - Pray Challenge
 - Rescue Project will start 9/11

- Thomas Aquinas room will be finished soon to use for OCI/Rescue project/life groups

Stewardship –

- Bishops Annual Appeal
 - Anything extra will go to the new school
- Outreach fair/New member welcome- 7/12 and 7/13
 - Outside organizations we support will have tables

Festivals-

- Kick off last week with yard signs
- Signs up through Genius is live
 - 220 signed up and need 300 more
- Permits are all good and paid
- Inspections 2 weeks prior to festival
- Net proceeds go to support groups.

GSM

- Parishioner's donations are very generous. Supported the following groups
 - Columbus Catholic YA conference
 - CAEDCOM Ministry of Maiawi – water pump
 - SVDP – Mens Shelter
 - Family Promise
 - Catholic Social Services

Faith and Family

- New Youth Minister will start in June – Brenda Schroeder
- VBS will be 7/20-7/24 in the evening

SVDP

- From Mid- March to Mid- May have helped 13 households and 28 people
 - People who can't pay bills, or childcare and is facing eviction
- Spent \$14k or 63% on mortgage/rent
- Support Young people just getting out jail
 - Jail ministry – raised over \$30K

Life Groups

Women Groups

Men Groups

Young Adults

KOC

Meeting to adjourn was made by Paul Stokell and second by Tami Wetzel
The next committee meeting is Sept. 16th at 6:30
Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary