

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Present: Fr. Dury, Jay Hedrick, Tim Gose, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Angela Ray, Paul Stokell, Dennis Braun; John Endres,

Absent – Mike McDonough, Nate Schroeder, Kelly Fleaser, Gabe Gessler, Courtney Sauvie

New Business

- Opening Prayer – Father Dury
- Book review – One Disciple at a Time – Introduction and chapter 1
- Parish Vision Review – Father Dury
 - Lead people to a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ
 - Building relationships with accompaniment
 - Invite – process of conversion and a deeper life in Christ
 - Each family is a life group
 - People are saying this is a special parish
 - How do we continue to enhance it
- Parish Council role
 - Share the vision with each group so they can spread it to others
 - Forward thinking about what we should do and how we can help

Committee Updates

Finance –

- Parish is in an excellent financial position
 - Income is exceeding output

Evangelization –

- Thomas Aquina Room is new and improved and is open to adult formation
- Christian initiation – 28 candidates, 15 catechumens with 7 possible confirmations
 - Rite of Entrance 10/12
- Info session for Seekers 10/17
- Rite of Election, first Sunday of Lent at St. Catherines
- Large Group Evangelization
 - Rescue Project available online and on mobile at rescueproject.us and featured on the Hallow app.
 - In-person session has 40 participants
 - This is the 10th offering, and after this, it will be offered to life groups or individual users
 - Spring 2026 - Season 5 of the Chosen- Will be offered Jan-Feb for 8 weeks
- Online evangelization
 - Currently running new promotions for Formed

- Emphasis on small groups on the Hallow app
- Parish leadership team has crafted a working statement to help focus our efforts in ministry for the future. Create and nurture a welcoming community, connecting people in Christ Jesus

Stewardship –

- Offertory will be the 2nd week of Oct
- Will be sharing the impact report
- Groups report on funds- to make sure guidelines are followed
 - What is the mission of the group
 - Expectations of money in accounts- do own fundraising

Festivals-

- Attendance was a little down
- Provide \$33k to other organizations
 - \$5.5k to GSM
 - \$5.5k to SVDP
 - \$5k to Mommies Matter
 - \$17k to school fund
- Next year's festival is 6/19, 6/20 and ties with the 50th year celebration

GSM

- Parishioners' donations are very generous. Supported the following groups
 - Bountiful backpacks
 - SVDP- jail ministry and help provide funds for older adults' groceries.

SVDP

- 9/20 - Annual Friends of the Poor Walk at Desales. Donated funds stay in our conference
- 9/27 - Feast day of St. Paul
- Since 6/1 – have helped 16 families from eviction by helping with rent
- Since Oct of '24 – have helped 39 families due to loss of job, illness, or accident at work
- Since 6/1 -received \$44k from various groups, including the parish, festival, GSM, Men's group
- All money goes to society recipients who do not have to prove they deserve funds. Funds belong to the poor, not SVDP.

Life Groups/Discipleship

- Kate and John Pratt will coordinate life groups with Paul's help.

Men Groups

- TMIY – 10 years now
 - Going back to year 1
- Men's club breakfast – Knights did the food
 - Good talk with Sister's testimonials about their father

KOC

- Sub sale
- Highway clean up 10/4
- Helping with open house 10/18, 10/19
 - Cleaning up and taking doughnuts downstairs
- Military save a warrior 10/17
- Put ribbons up at Fallen Heroes in Sunbury 12/15

Young Adults

- Seek – Focus on the fellowship of catholic university students
 - Hosted in Columbus Jan 1-5
 - Others should consider joining

Women's Group

Faith and Family

Meeting to adjourn was made by Jay Hedrick and seconded by Tim Gose
The next committee meeting is on Nov. 18th at 6:30
Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary