

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

Present: Fr. Dury, Jay Hedrick, Tim Gose, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Angela Ray, Paul Stokell, John Endres, Nate Schroeder, Kelly Fleaser, Courtney Sauvie, Dennis Braun

Absent – Mike McDonough, Gabe Gessler

Opening Prayer – Fr. Dury

New Business

Update on schools

- Father is on the executive steering committee
- Meet with Sunbury City Council
 - Need sewer before beginning to build
 - Still dealing with land
- Grade School most likely will be built concurrently
- Rectory will be moved
- Fundraising will begin soon along with strong donations that want catholic schools

50 th Anniversary of the church is in 2027

- Goal is to have parish contribute and celebrate together
- Possible incorporate with festival
- Document history of church

New Staff members

- John Pratt – Director of Marriage and Family Life
 - From Diocese of Fort Wayne, IN
 - Master's degree from Notre Dame
 - Wife and 3 kids
- Hiring Social Media coordinator – part time
- Hiring Youth Minister
- Sarah Gantz – Confirmation Coordinator

The constitution approved with Angela's update and corrections

Committee Updates

Finance –

- Parish is in a good financial position
 - Stewardship is growing the same as the Parish

Evangelization –

- OCI
 - 7 people will be baptized – 5 people coming into the church – 5
 - Catholics being confirmed
 - More interest this time of year
 - Scheduled to start 9/7 for getting sacraments
- Rescue project starts 9/1 for 6 weeks
- Life Groups to help John in marriage
- Paul assists in annulments
- Hallow has a 2-year partnership with this parish with added features.
 - Will receive instructions on how to get free app if you already have it.
- Life groups can utilize the app, and it can be used as a parish mission

Stewardship -

- Bishop's annual appeal goal is up \$30K this year
 - Letters going out to parishioners who gave more than \$500 to donate more
 - Tom and Jodi Harris are chairing
- The Shroud had 90 volunteers to make the event successful
- Material assistance calendar due 7/1
 - If groups want to help get with Jackie

Festivals-

- Tent confirmed
- Permits submitted
- Trash company confirmed- Rob Smith
- Bands Booked
 - Fri – Joint Rockers – Blues
 - Sat - Ray Massa Rhythmics
- Jackie is head of sponsorship
- Oct Fest is canceled this year

KOC –

- Blood drive this week
- 5 new Knights
- Sub sale April 26/27
- Measure Up Campaign 5/1-5/3
 - Collecting funds for development challenged
 - Supports 40% of the world's Special Olympics

GSM

- Supported Cornerstone of Hope, The Shane Center, and Kairos Outside of Central Ohio in the month of March
- Parishioner's donations are very generous

Women Groups –

- Funds from the Holiday Bazaar were given to groups and individuals within the parish

Men Groups –

- Goal is to pick up the pace next year for the men's conference as we were down to LY
- Fish fry is going well. The Shroud brought in extra people

Faith and Family**SVDP**

- From 12/1 to 3/18
 - Helped 22 people/families
 - Prevented 16 evictions
 - Helped 10 other conference
- Donations
 - Parish Outreach - \$24K
 - Donations - \$45K
- Food drive in process

Life Groups

- Make sure all Life Groups are registered
- Groups that are open - are on the website

Young Adults – No report

Meeting to adjourn was made by Nate Schroeder and second by Jay Hedrick

The next committee meeting is May 20th at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary