

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

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

Absent: Dennis Braun

New Business

- Opening Prayer – Father Dury
- Book review – One Disciple at a Time – Chapter 3/4
- Pastor Updates
 - Parish mission is to have a transformative encounter with Jesus. Parish offers many things to help achieve this. - Sacraments, The Chosen, Rescue Project, SVDP, Adoration
 - SJN is about building relationships, as we are a welcoming community
 - How can we build more relationships, as our parish still has that small-town feeling? Be invitational so everyone feels a part of our parish.
 - Life groups are a big part of the parish
 - Jesus and his disciples were the first life group.
 - Families are a life group that grows together
 - Small group formations are important. They are currently growing and going well.
 - Large groups do not last as long as small groups
 - Currently talking about the mass schedule as the 11 am mass is standing room only - followed by the 9 am mass.
 - For every new subdivision, 35% are catholic. We want to keep people connected to Jesus.

Committee Updates

Finance – no report

Stewardship –

- Continue to build up outreach
- Implemented the super neighbor visiting program and started visiting those people who have requested
- Annual Appeal will be coming for the next money ask

Adult Formation

- Show and tell
 - Show - community people want to become catholic
 - There are still many people standing by or asking to convert

- We are always moving through the year with returning Catholics or new people wanting to join the faith.
- The Chosen has about 80 people. This is not about teaching, it is about folks coming together, learning about Jesus with a goal to form future life groups

Discipleship

- We think of discipleship as a guide to get to heaven through thresholds of conversion and discipleship.
- *Family and Faith*
 - First/Second grade - 2-year prep - different sessions, 2nd grade received 1st reconciliation, and their 1st communion will be in May
 - Third and Fourth grade - all at-home sessions, meets together once a semester
 - Fifth and Sixth grade (Middle School) - Large group lessons and activities for students based on a modified Rescue Project, combined with a small-group discipleship model.
 - Seventh/Eighth Grade- 2-year prep – confirmation will be in March.
 - Long-range plan is for 4th grade to be confirmed. The transition plan will be communicated soon.
 - High School - 5 teen life groups have been meeting since the fall. Monthly gatherings have and will continue to occur. The Life Group model officially kicked off last Sunday. They are forming additional new life groups
- *Life Groups*
 - There is a retreat on March 7 at 9 am for anyone in a life group
- *Marriage*
 - Hosting a pre-canna weekend this Sat 1/24 for anyone in the diocese
 - Team is looking at retreats to enhance marriage - dinner/dance
 - Need volunteers to help with kids

GSM

- Parishioners continue to be generous as we continue to help with needs inside and outside our community
 - We continue to support SVDP when they run low on funds
 - We continue to support BFWFS
 - We support international as well, most recently to help build Uganda Schools, with Father PC overseeing how the money is spent.

SVDP

- 2026 spirituality conference
 - Celebrating with other parishes for their patron saints
- Always listening to the needs of the community
- Looking at new partnerships to help meet neighbors' needs
 - Men's shelter in Delaware, which is within the diocese, helps men transition once they are out of jail. With no support, many go back into the jail system

- Continue bible studies within the jail
- Always partnering with BWFS and the thrift store

Women's Group

- There will be a new edition of the home-cooking cookbook for sale
 - Hope to have it ready for the bazaar
- Hospitality fellowship lunch is once a month after the 11 am mass
 - ask someone who doesn't get to gather with people who may be lonely

Men Groups

- Have been trying to find other men to take over executive positions with no success
 - will have a vote at the next meeting for the final decision to go forward with the men's group or disband
 - most of the men are also part of the KOC
- Fish fry-SJN fish fry will become KOC fish fry
 - separate carry-out area so lines will move faster
 - limited menu - cheese pizza or 1/2 fish meal

KOC

- Red ribbon for fallen heroes taken down this past week, as we try to do it in sync with wreath removal
- During Memorial weekend, we will sell flags at the Fallen Heroes facility.
- Would like to get more people into Fallen Heroes
 - There is a Chapel in the back, where we could have some sort of service
 - Aug 21 golf tournament at Chapel Hill to support
- Sept 12 KOC Honor Guard
- Direct parking in masses that are heavy - Ash Wed, confirmation, Easter

Festivals-

- Date - June 19/20
- First committee meeting is still pending
- Working on the fireworks
- Apply for all the permits in March

Community relations

- Bountiful backpacks- Parishioners have been very generous
 - Continue to provide food during weekends for HS students throughout the school year.

Meeting to adjourn was made by Paul Stokell and seconded by Kandi Smith
 Minutes approved by Tim Gose and second by Kandi Smith

The next committee meeting is March 24 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary