

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
PPC Meeting Notes – Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 5:30 pm

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Opening Prayer

Led by Father Igwilo.

Agenda Items

1. **Additions to Agenda**
 - None noted.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - Question raised on whether meeting minutes can be posted on the parish website, and how to do that in a timely manner.
3. **Approval of May 6 Minutes**
 - Motion to approve: Scott
 - Second: Finny
 - Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Corporate Resolution Minutes**
 - Motion to approve: Scott
 - Second: Finny
 - Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **Church Addition Update**
 - Recent calls with CFO and Vicar regarding process updates.
 - Presbyteral Council reviews design to ensure needs are met.
 - Tentative approval received, but final sale requires Finance Council approval.
 - Father Kevin's observations:
 - Clarification on "Narthex" vs. "Gathering Area."
 - Suggested a walled-off transition area into the church proper (not supported by GIRM/BLS).
 - Recommended designated baptismal area with a fixed font (strongly suggested but not required).
 - Bishop suggested a large statue of St. John the Baptist.
 - October 30: Presbyteral Council to review current plans.
 - Groundbreaking will not occur this year.
2. **Review of 5-Year Plan**
 - Scott will share a progress document on year one goals.

- Discussion on Faith Formation:
 - Increasing parent involvement (possible parent class, coordinating meals).
 - Increasing student involvement and participation.
 - Father Igwilo emphasized recording commitment to Safe Environment.
 - October 12 Youth Rally: costs covered for parish youth.
 - Outreach ideas:
 - Council members personally contacting fallen-away Catholics.
 - Possible creation of a small group to discuss hosting a healing Mass.
- 3. Tunnel Leak and Repairs**
- Jim Brickey suspected planter issues.
 - Scott and Erik cut out concrete and sealed tunnel.
 - Monitoring effectiveness; a small leak remains on the other side and will be addressed.
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New Business

- 1. Snow Removal Contract**
 - Rock Solid is no longer providing services.
 - 605 Property Services proposal: \$300/hr plowing, \$75/hr shoveling, \$1.50/lb salt.
 - Question if Joe Uhrich is interested (currently bus driving).
 - More bids needed.
 - Bids to be submitted to Finance Committee by Oct. 8.
 - 2. Emergency Planning / Active Shooter Readiness**
 - In the past this was led by Eric Nelson, Ed Fischer, and Jim Brickey.
 - Discussion on diocesan regulations and parish responsibility.
 - Consider forming a group for CPR/AED training. Margaret Farrell offers training at \$30/person.
 - Announcement can be placed in the parish bulletin.
 - ~~**3. Bulletin Printing**~~
 - Per Father Igwilo
 - 4. Christmas Postcard**
 - Father will send signed cards to active/inactive parishioners.
 - Postcards planned for bulk mailing.
 - Finance Committee will review costs (Oct. 8).
 - 5. Plaque for Shrine**
 - Discussion included courtyard access.
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Committee Reports

- **Pillars** – Scott shared progress.
- **Finance** – Updates to be discussed at Oct. 8 meeting.
- ~~**Liturgy/Ministry**~~

- **Young Adult** – Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, September 28th.
 - ~~**Knights of Columbus (KC)**~~
 - ~~**WSJ**~~
 - **Building/Maintenance** – Tunnel repairs and snow removal under review.
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From Father's Desk

- None
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Closing Prayer

Led by Father Igwilo.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Scott
- Second: Steve
- Motion carried.