Holy Trinity Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2026
6:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic School Classroom

Opening Prayer Father Adam

Attendance

Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Hanson, Dan Willger, Sarah Warring, Mike Drost, Dean King, Mike Sweeney, Father Adam, Father Isaiah

- Additional Attendees: N/A

- Members Absent: John Kinnick, Walt Organ, Father Phil Juza

**Council Members:* Rebecca Hanson, Dan Willger, Sarah Warring, John Kinnick, Mike Drost, Walt Organ, Dean King, Mike Sweeney, Father Adam, Father Isaiah, Father Phil Juza

Treasurer's Report Mike Sweeney

- See attached Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
    - Approximately a $20,000 deficit as a result of the lawn care, snow removal, and elevator expenses from this past year
    - Projected to be about breakeven for 26-27 year – will need to continue to ask Parish Members to increase donations and/or decrease costs of lawn care and snow removal
    - Questions that came up regarding these sheets:
        - 4021 Stipend Revenue – Mike Sweeney will look to see what this all includes so as to not affect the projected budge numbers for next year
        - 4207.01 Funerals – Discussion that this should be projected as zero
        - Total 4207.00 Women's Circle – Mike Sweeney will look into this as to why two years ago the amount was so high in comparison to past year so that projected number is more accurate
    - Assets 1200.0 CCW Checking – The amount is currently over the allowed $5,000. Father Dan will be alerted to this so that decisions can be made on what to do with the excess funds
- Draft Budget discussed last meting
    - Revised Holy Trinity budget draft was sent via email on 4/24/2026 from Mike Sweeney (see attached email and budget draft from that email)

Old Business

- *Signage by the Highway:* Has been **TABLED** from the 5/28/2022 meeting and will be revisited at a later time.
- Thank you cards will be sent out to the following individuals (by Rebecca) for assisting in the cleanup of the church and school: Mike Drost, Mike Sweeney, Dean King, Chris Janssen, Bev Ogan, Walt Organ, Benita Kodesh, Emily Bjugstad, Paul Bjugstad **– COMPLETED**
- Bishop Hammes Center - $500.00 a month for rent going forward with possibility of some back pay. Budgeted at $6,000 per year going forward - **COMPLETED**

Continued Business

- Diocese of Superior Pastoral Plan
    - Annual Parish Goals for Office of Parish Transformation email was sent from Father Isaiah on 4/22/2026 (see attached)
    - Father Dan will need to follow up with this going forward

- "Restricted Gift" of $5,000 was donated by an anonymous donor (per Chris Janssen) with the specific use for Mental Health.
    - Father Isaiah is going to reach out to Dorothy Bierkimeir and Aaron Hendricks (counselors in the parish family) to see if we could split the gift for a set amount of parish members to use as needs arise. If this is not an option, Father Isaiah will alert Father Adam and the gift will be returned to the donar.

- *School Demo:* Father Isaiah has been working on obtaining blue prints of the buildings. Currently has blue prints for the elevator edition and the cemetery. The church, school, and Bishop Hammes Center blueprints are not available.
    - Abatement quote is stated to be "no more than $5,000" as a lot of work has already been done related to the asbestos issue. Informed that teardown of the building will be cheaper than trying to renovate with the asbestos issues as landfill that will take this material is nearby.
    - School building is already showing signs of leaning into the church so teardown will need to occur sooner rather than later
    - Discussed possible use of some of the school building material for church renovations
    - Waiting on Quotes from Bulldozin' for the tear down
    - Waiting on Northwest Builders for the structure rebuild after teardown
    - Dean King is waiting on reply from Walt Organ's granddaughter for possible abatement/grant writing to help cover costs of this project
    - Sarah and Rebecca will work to draft up a document to communicate with the Parish family this upcoming situation and how it will need to be addressed

- Focus of the draft will focus on Hope and Investment in the Future of Holy Trinity, even with the loss of the school building.
- Will be done by the end of June with a pulpit announcement

Additional New Business:

1. *Cemetery Sign:* Discussed need for a sign that contains the by-laws on cemetery decorations as care and upkeep of the cemetery is difficult without enforcement of these regulations
    a. Draft of the sign needs to be sent to Shannon – Rebecca will work on this with Steve Konop
    b. Once the sign is ready, an announcement at the pulpit of the by-laws being followed going forward will be made

2. *Barron County Emergency Shetler Survey* – Email from Mike Sweeney on 3/11/2026 (see attached)
    a. Haugen Elementary already has a key to the church in the event of a school evacuation
    b. Dean King was provided the form as all members agreed that Holy Trinity could serve for additional emergency shelter needs as they arise.

3. *Mass Times:* New proposed mass time for Holy Trinity on Sunday's is 8:00 am as a result of going from three priests to two. Members agreed to this change.

4. *Holy Trinity Sign:* As a result of the new priests and change in mass times on Sunday's, Dan Willger will make updated signs.
    a. Priest Names: Daniel Tracy and Sagar Thomas Kanna

5. *Building and Grounds Committee:* Discussed that there is a need for more "active" participants on this committee. A few names were discussed.
    a. Cemetery Mowing for summer of 2026 is being done on a volunteer basis (Derek Hanson, Steve Konop, Greg Rousar, and Dean King). Discussed the need for the Building and Grounds Committee to continue working on a permanent solution that is also budget friendly for beyond August when the current mowing contract (with the church) ends.
    b. Mike Sweeney is currently waiting on a quote from Amundson's (Lawn and Snow Removal)

6. *Electric Panels:* Dean King obtained quotes from Beranek Electric (see attached) from Jordan Hibbs as both electrical panels in the church and Bishop Hammes Center need to be updated in order to be in alliance with code requirements.
    a. Mike Sweeney will also get a quote from Malachi Romportl to complete this work
    b. Will need the IT department to assist with the technology needs at the Bishop Hammes center when this work is completed
7. Skye O'Dell is the "new" Hannah Zabel – meeting minutes will need to be sent to Skye going forward (sodell@sjs... Is her email address)

Future Meeting Dates: Tentatively: HT Pastoral/Finance @ 6-7pm on select Thursdays:

To Be Announced once the new priests have been situated

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at ____7:14_____ pm.

Closing Prayer Father Adam