Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Council Minutes
Date:March 17, 2026

Members present: David Chamberlain, Father Todd Schneider, Teresa Gahm, Jason Murphy, Kayla Rinkenberger, Jeff Boyle, Hayley Jay, Patty Kill, Doug Moscho, Melissa Hamling, and Laura Rentz. **Members absent:** Spencer Kidder, Angel Franco, Anderson Alvizures
Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm with David reading from the Gospel of John

New Business

-Approval of the March 17th 2026 agenda with the correction of David reading the opening gospel and Patty with the closing prayer. Also noted was that the next meeting date should be April 21st 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with additional corrections to Jessica Barthalowmew's last name. Kayla made a motion to accept the changes, Jason seconded, motion carried.
-Jeff made a motion, with a second by Laura to accept the February 2026 minutes, motion carried
-Teresa was present for a portion of the meeting to review the financials. She shared the current balance sheet and profit loss budget. We are hopeful that we can make gains in the financial department to make our budget. There was a motion by David to accept the February 2026 financials, with a second by Mel, motion carried.
-Nomination Sunday is approaching. It will be taking place late in April. Father Todd will look and confirm dates(April 25-26). David, Spencer, and Patty's terms are up. Selection Sunday will be May 24, 2026. Those who are nominated and contacted by a council member will be invited to come to the May 19th meeting to see if they are interested in accepting their nomination. The council consulted the parish bylaws (Section 3) regarding council members who step down and their replacement.
After discussion, the council will make the following proposal to be added/ changed in the bylaws pending council agreement.
Section 3
(edit E1)-If no nominees from the previous selection Sunday, then the pastor appoints/ selects a replacement
(E2)-If a member is unable to complete their term, the pastor will appoint a member to the vacancy. Upon said member's agreement, the member is able to complete two, 3-year terms after their partial term is filled.
There was a motion by Father Todd to add clarification to sections E1 and E2 regarding our bylaws for the Pastoral Council. There was a second by Jason. These changes will be reviewed in April. Should they be acceptable, the council will make a motion to accept them. Motion carried that updates will be made, but will require voting.
-The senior mass will be held on May 17th at 9:00 a.m. Mass it will be in the basement.
- Spring cleanup- this item was tabled to see what the weather brings
- St Patrick's Day dinner- this event is being rescheduled due to the weather that took place when it was originally planned in March. Money earned will go to The Helping Hands group. Stay tuned for more details.

-**Confirmation also was rescheduled- the new date is October 28th 2026,** it is the last Wednesday in October at **7:00 p.m. at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
-Renovation update- Brian Giese will talk on 3/24/26- he plans to explain the timeline of the renovation and the volunteer worksheet. all parishioners who can volunteer their time and talent are encouraged to complete the worksheet and return it as soon as possible. Many hands make light work. Jason is working on quotes for sandblasting the radiators, additionally, if any professionals know how to disassemble the steam radiators.
-There will be a Septemberfest meeting on April 28th 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.
-150th Anniversary Celebration-Father Todd passed around an example of a pictorial directory, planning remains underway.

Old Business
-Reminder that Mass in the basement begins on 4/19/26.
- Holy Week will take place March 19th through April 5th, 2026
-Jessica Bartholomew will speak on Sunday, March 22nd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass regarding human trafficking (content is most appropriate for those ages 13 and up)
-The Knights of Columbus who were helping with the Saint Patrick's Day dinner postponed it for the time being
- the St John's/Ben's choir was served a lunch/desserts when they came to sing. They were very appreciative of all those who helped
-The Social Concerns group handed out a few prayer blankets they continued to support two students
-The Newman Center- no real new updates, they are starting a Bible study and have been talking about prayer
- St Mary's School- completed I love to read week, a coin war and raised $367, have done Stations of the Cross on Friday, and plan to have their Seder Meal on April 1st at 11:00 a.m.
-We are looking for a cook at St Mary's School. Spread the word if you know of anyone who might be interested.

Pastoral report-The annual penance service will take place on 3/22/26 at 4:00 p.m. with additional priests available for confession. Stations of the Cross continue to happen on Fridays at 2:20 p.m. and also 5:30 p.m.

- Patty led the closing prayer at 8:07 p.m. Hayley made a motion to close the meeting. Mel made a second the motion carried

Next meeting date April 21, 2026-6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kayla Rinkenberger, parish council secretary