

# Our Lady of Hope Parish Pastoral Council

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 29, 2025 (St. Francis, Pastoral Center St. Mark Room)

Attendance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Craig Best (Pastor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Brice Berger (Parochial Vicar)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Whittenburg (Executive Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Horvath (SFDS School Principal)
St. Philip Members		St. Francis de Sales Members	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pete Beerse (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Geier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Martz (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Wunderlich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jo Grinder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darren Backstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Spoelker		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony DeFalco	

### I. Opening

The meeting was opened by Fr. Craig with prayer at 7:01 PM.

### II. Roll Call and OLOH Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

- Roll call as noted above.
- Minutes from May 2025 council meeting were reviewed.
  - Motion to approve the corrected minutes passed and they will be posted on the parish website.

### III. Brian Boon – Stewardship Committee Financial Stewardship Presentation

### IV. Business Updates

#### 1. Property Management (Maintenance and Facilities)

- St. Francis de Sales
  - School Kitchen – 70% done
  - Boiler Maintenance including rebuilding 3 pumps (New pumps ~\$15,000)
  - New school communication system – 80% done
  - Additional cameras
  - New flooring in school office
  - Building office space in office for Assistant Principle
  - Thanks to Gary Carmack for work over the summer – floors, cleanup, etc.
  - Will be hydro jet cleaning plumbing drain lines
- St. Philip the Apostle
  - Finalizing rectory basement project prep
  - Finalizing Undercroft renovation project prep including elevator – waiting on second quote

#### 2. Proposals / Bids for Review

- N/A

#### 3. Finance Committee

##### St. Francis de Sales (FY '24-'25 Final)

- Operating Income (Church) \$ 1,111,797 - \$110,797 ahead of budget
- Operating Income (School) \$1,193,155 - \$113,105 ahead of budget

- Total Operating Income \$2,390,929
- Operating Expenses \$2,626,119
- Net (\$235,190) – \$392,340 behind budget – Not an actual loss, negative due to school AC project with half the funds collected in the prior fiscal year.

St. Philip the Apostle (FY '24-'25 Final)

- Operating Income \$ 950,357 - \$199,607 ahead of budget
- Operating Expenses \$ 1,058,109 - \$11,191 ahead of budget
- Net (\$ 107,752) - \$210,798 ahead of budget – Due to generous capital donations

4. St. Francis de Sales School

- All hiring complete
- Enrollment – 195 Students
- Class size of 23-29 in the lower grades – Optimum is 25
- New religion curriculum / program - Word of Life / assessment of students and staff (Acre->Arc)
- Calendars and schedules are mostly complete
- Looking to increase parent volunteerism
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Workday
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Bash
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School

**V. Old Business**

1. Spanish clergy resources still an open issue. Identified a Venezuelan priest willing to come but need a parish to partner with OLOH. He cannot begin the transition process until there is a parish commitment. Legionaries and Fr. Mike Puckey continue to provide support. There are about a dozen parishes designated Spanish in the archdiocese. Continue to struggle with the archdiocese, however we have been assured we are on the top of the list to get a Spanish priest.

**VI. New Business**

1. Parish Picnic – Bengals mascot will be present from 2-3pm
2. Beacons of Light
  - Held town hall
  - Next town hall is 8/11 in Hohlmayer Hall
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> town hall planned for some time in October @ St. Philip (construction permitting)
3. Together Sunday – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
  - Intended to bring those who have fallen away from the church back
  - Back to school student blessing
  - Green scapular hand out – 1,000 at each parish
  - Ministry fair
4. Worship Commission Report – Ken Geier
  - Attendance count @ SFdS masses weekly
  - Implement carrying up gospel in opening procession @ SPtA

**VII. Pastor's and Parochial Vicar's Comments**

1. Fr. Craig
  - N/A
2. Fr. Brice
  - N/A

**VIII. Closing Prayer**

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @ 7:00 PM in St. Philip Undercroft (construction permitting)

The meeting was closed by Fr. Brice with prayer at 8:01 PM.