

Our Lady of Hope Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 27, 2025 (St. Philip, Undercroft)

Attendance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Craig Best (Pastor)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Beerse (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Geier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Martz (Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Wunderlich
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jo Grinder	<input type="checkbox"/> Darren Backstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Nottingham	<input checked="" 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 7:07 PM.

II. Roll Call and OLOH Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

- Roll call as noted above.
- Minutes from March 2025 council meeting were reviewed.
 - Typo – Fr. Brice’s named spelled wrong.
 - Motion to approve the corrected minutes passed and they will be posted on the parish website.

III. Business Updates

1. Property Management (Maintenance and Facilities)

- St. Philip the Apostle
 - Architect meeting about elevator and Undercroft renovation
 - \$250,000 including the 10% balance of the elevator
 - Getting approvals / permits for the rectory basement
 - Getting quote for handicap accessible door
- St. Francis de Sales
 - Met with Homeland Technology about installing a handicap accessible door in the Parish Pastoral Center.

2. Proposals / Bids for Review

- SFDS School Kitchen
 - Epoxy floor
 - Gas oven/stove -> electric convection ovens
 - New sinks and food warmers
 - New island
 - New front wall with gate to be able to close off kitchen
- Equipment – \$17,045.96
- Labor – \$16,304.00
- Total - \$33,349.96
- Raised to date - \$28,000
- Commitment for balance of \$7,000
- Motion to approve passed

3. Finance Committee

Finance Committee approved both the SFDA and SPtA 2025 – 2026 FY budgets

St. Philip the Apostle (2025 FYTD through April 2025)

- 2025 – 2026 budget – (\$250,000) due to construction. Won't be able to cashflow so will use reserves (mostly green notes)
- Operating Income \$ 835,662 - \$210,037 ahead of budget
- Operating Expenses \$ 930,778 - \$39,696 behind budget
- Net (\$ 95,116)

St. Francis de Sales (2025 FYTD through April 2025)

- 2025 – 2026 budget - \$52,000
- School will be close or at self-sustaining for the first time
- Operating Income (Church) \$ 965,865 - \$118,230 ahead of budget
- Operating Income (School) \$1,023,018 - \$122,977 ahead of budget
- Total Operating Income \$2,065,937
- Operating Expenses \$2,335,280
- Net (\$269,343)

4. St. Francis de Sales School

- Introduce Diane Horvath as the new principal starting in the 2025 – 2026 school year.

IV. Old Business

1. Spanish clergy resources still an open issue. Confirmed from Archdiocese that OLOH is on the top of the list to be assigned a Spanish speaking priest. The Legionaries have extended commitment to 2 masses per month until the end of October. Retired priest Fr. Mike Puckey from Hamilton committed to 2 masses per month.
2. Beacons of Light Town Hall will be Monday June 9th at SPtA.
3. Stewardship Committee
 - Looking for a date for Dave Kissel to offer onsite training.

V. New Business

1. Youth Faith Formation is understaffed. Need an assistant in each church on the weekends.
 - \$50,000 in the SFDS budget for shared evangelization assistant.
 - Need help with overall program organization.
2. The new signs do not say "Catholic". Investigating how it could be added.

VI. Pastor's and Parochial Vicar's Comments

1. Fr. Craig
 - N/A

VII. Closing Prayer

Next meeting – Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ 7:00 PM in St. Francis Parish Pastoral Center St. Mark.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Craig with prayer at 7:48 PM.