

Our Lady of Hope Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 25, 2025 (St. Francis, St. Mark Room)

| Attendance | | | |
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| <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 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 checked="" 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 7:04 PM.

II. Roll Call and OLOH Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

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

III. Business Updates

1. Property Management (Maintenance and Facilities)

- Facility deferred maintenance review being conducted (OLOH) for report to diocese
- St. Francis de Sales
 - 4 Cameras were installed in Church ~ \$8,000
 - 1st Quote for carpet ~ \$29,000 getting others
- St. Philip the Apostle
 - Undercroft renovation moving quickly. Inspection passed and looking to finish before Christmas
 - Rectory basement in process – ETA end of year
 - Cleaning gutters and quoting gutter guards

2. Proposals / Bids for Review

- None

3. Finance Committee

- Parish Financial Report
 - Distribute to parishioners before Thanksgiving

St. Francis de Sales (2026 FYTD through October 2025)

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| • Operating Income (Church) | \$344,872 – \$28,408 ahead of budget |
| • Operating Income (School) | \$338,144 – \$4,793 behind budget |
| • Total Operating Income | \$719,656 – \$33,622 ahead of budget |
| • Operating Expenses (Church) | \$276,736 – \$70,813 ahead of budget |
| • Operating Expenses (School) | \$561,135 – \$140,113 behind budget |
| • Total Operating Expenses | \$856,381 – \$73,809 behind budget |
| • Net | (\$136,725) – \$40,187 behind budget |

- Designer Purse Bingo raised ~\$15,000
- Deck the Halls raised ~\$22,000
- Oktoberfest raised ~\$4,000 (Alternate between churches St. Francis for 2024, St. Philip 2025, etc.)

St. Philip the Apostle (2026 FYTD through October 2025)

- Operating Income \$257,135 – \$25,496 ahead of budget
- Operating Expenses \$331,537 – \$2,596 ahead of budget
- Net (\$74,403) – \$28,092 ahead of budget
- Pulled \$500,000 from savings to pay bills

4. St. Francis de Sales School

- Powder Puff – Raised money for Breast Cancer
- Veterans Day
- Our Lady of Guadalupe / St. Nicholas / St. Lucie
- After Care provider – Looking to outsource to Champions
- 3 Christmas programs
- 2 Special Education students disenrolled
- School does not have an intervention specialist on staff
- Staffing additions (like to have)
 - Nurse
 - Intervention Specialist
 - Fulltime Custodian
 - Counselor
 - Resource Officer
- Will be putting together a promotional video
- Considering addition of preschool and high school
- Carl will be meeting with diocese to review tuition

IV. Old Business

1. Spanish Clergy

- The bishop of the potential priest mentioned earlier is not willing to let him relocate
- Legionaries may be a longer term solution

2. Beacons of Light

- Getting on diocese calendar to present case for parish merger

V. New Business

1. OCIA ~ 55 people

- Will be bringing back Easter Vigil to SPtA
- Currently no marketing for OCIA but looking to implement social media, podcast, blog, etc.

2. SPtA Church Expansion

- Architect consultant presented potential options for SPtA future expansion
- Formed 12 member committee of varied SPtA parishioners
- Internal study to collect parish and local community data

VI. Pastor's and Parochial Vicar's Comments

1. Fr. Craig
 - None
2. Fr. Brice
 - None

VII. Closing Prayer

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM in St. Philip, Undercroft

The meeting was closed by Fr. Brice with prayer at 7:45 PM.