

**St. Andrew Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2021**

1. Chairperson Janice Hill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

2. Deacon Terry led the council in prayer.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Jan Hill, Mike Moellenbeck, Mary Nelson, Deb Ehrecke, Chris Rubley, Kathy Elliott, Shirley Schmidt, Barb Reiland, and Deacon Terry Starns.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes for May 2021, corrections and additions were made. Shirley S. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Barb R. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building and Grounds, Mike Moellenbeck – Paradise Landscaping is doing the landscaping in front of the parish center and around the corner to the garage. It is finished and it looks great. It has been discovered there is an issue with the rafters in the parish center. One is broken and several more are cracked. It's being assumed that excessively heavy snow in the winter of 1979-80 could have caused the damage. Iossi Construction was contacted. Their estimate for labor and materials will be approximately \$9200 following a thorough inspection of the entire ceiling. The money would come out of the building funds. A door on the north side of the building will be replaced. Due to the emerald ash borer, there are 9 dead ash trees that need to be removed. We will need help with removing them.

Faith Formation - Religious Ed. is doing well, but registration this year is low. NCYC is still on.

Justice & Peace – No report.

Christian Service, Mary Nelson – We are working on this year's Angel Tree and waiting for a list. More details soon.

Mary Angels' report, Deb Ehrecke - The Bake Sale that was held in Bonnie Strong's front yard during the City-Wide Garage Sale made \$485.00. The Angels will be purchasing a coffee pot for the Church (\$267.41) and also purchased a 40 inch TV for Religious Ed. for \$265.36. A few of our Mary Angels' will set up a treat station at the Pumpkin Dash in Blue Grass park on Oct. 23 at 10:30 am to treat the children. A little advertising for our Parish doesn't hurt, too.

Parish-at-Large – Jan Hill – No report.

Parish-at-Large – Chris Rubley – No report.

Welcoming, Kathy Elliott – We have conducted no visits for the last year due to COVID.

Worship and Prayer, Shirley Schmidt – Our organist, Tess McKenna, wants to retire. We will miss her playing beautiful music.

Knights of Columbus – Chris Rubley reported rosaries from the Holy Land will go to the military chaplains for distribution to our veterans. The Knights are asking for donations of coats, caps, gloves, scarves for adults and children. They will be distributed in December. The Buffalo Food Pantry was donated \$250. The Knights will install a TV in the galley area to display various announcements and messages to the parish community.

Finance Council, Barb Reiland:

The Diocese is conducting a feasibility study for a Diocesan Capital Campaign. A representative of the Stier Company has been conducting interviews with select parishioners. No word yet on any results.

Our parish custodians, Chris & Dave Evans have moved to West Branch. After multiple attempts to find a new custodian, we have hired a new custodian. Deacon Terry can provide more details if needed.

P&L Comparison YTD:

	YTD
	July 1, 2021 thru Sept 2021
Envelopes	\$ 36,808
Offertory	597
Total Income All Sources	47,690*
Less Total Expenses	<u>-66,556</u>
Net Income	\$(18,866)

\*Direct deposit donation are included in the reports for the months of July 2021 thru Sept. 2021.

P&L Comparison – Current Month: September

	September 2021	September 2020
Envelopes	\$13,186	\$19,673
Offertory	202	5
Total Income All Sources	32,210	27,966
Total Expenses	<u>-22,818</u>	<u>- 7,989</u>
Net	\$ 392	\$ 19,979

6. Old Business:

- Pandemic policies - no change. Due to COVID many parishioners have not returned to weekly Mass. Deacon Terry is exploring ideas to encourage parish members to return to Mass and other parish functions.
- Memorial Funds have been used for landscaping which is complete. Funds will also be used to upgrade the deteriorating parish sign on the north side of the parish center.
- Vacant Janitorial Position. We were sorry to see Dave and Chris leave and move to Marshalltown. They will be missed. Michael Valerius has been hired as our new custodian.

7. New Business:

- Election of Officers: Jan Hill was re-elected as Chair. Barb Reiland was nominated and elected as Vice Chair. Mary Nelson was re-elected as Secretary.

- To avoid existing conflicts, the council discussed moving the regularly scheduled meeting day of the Parish Council. Barb moved to change the regular date to the second Wednesday of each month. It was seconded by Kathy E. The motion carried.

- How to increase committee membership: Council discussed the lack of participation on committees and how to encourage more people to volunteer to serve on them. One suggestion is personal invitations work the best.

- ADA: Terry reported so far 40 donors have given \$18,454 toward our goal of \$30,661, which is 69.1% of goal. We still have far to go.

8. Next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will be November 10, 2021 at 7 pm.

9. Closing prayer – Deacon Terry led the prayer.

10. Motion to Adjourn – at 8:05 pm a motion was made by Chris R. and seconded by Shirley S. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Nelson  
Secretary

(Minutes approved at Parish Council Mtg 11/10/21)