

Minutes from St John's Council from 5-20-26

Please read these minutes along with the agenda prepared for this meeting.

Present: Bridgewater, Fisher, Nieghbur, Hagen, Ohlen

Absent: Sue Ehrman and Stacy Siek

Meeting brought to order by Tami Fisher

Minutes from March 11 and April 20, 2026 were approved: motion

Financials: Jaci emailed the reports and they are attached to the agenda . Discussion was long and moderately intense. 35,000\$ subsidy is steep and great concerns expressed for St John's ability to sustain the subsidy along with the other financial commitments. Must increase income by 12-13, 000\$ annually. Projections of using the assets to sustain the new Pastorate corporate structure. Who do we need to ask to step up to function in the new 26-27 council financial and leadership positions????

Old business: Invitation/Letter was sent to all families. The Youth Mass was very well accepted and greatly appreciated.

Current business:

Buildings and grounds: future seems so uncertain. Fear: the church and grounds will become an "eye sore" and the larger community will find a less than desirable environment to live in.

Faith Formation: summer programming is in the near/current future with no concerns at this time.

Liturgy: Red as the color for the Pentecost Sunday. Tami worked on filling the needed roles for the rest of the Sunday masses to be held at St John's through July 2026.

Parish Life: Event of celebration and mourning of changes: June 21 brunch plans are remaining solid, the larger question is: what is our theme /program that will assist the transition from open to gray status.?????

Farewell Gift for Father Jake: options were considered and the choice made to allow Jean to shop in Dubuque for an iconic piece that connects St John the Evangelist Parish to Fathers' first assignment as a priest. Etching might be used to indicate years of service. 2023-2026. Jean will submit the bill in a timely manner to Jaci via Tami.

Social concerns: no discussions

Meeting was informally adjourned to move the groups into Parish Life from a Q of S perspective. This was to plan the cluster farewell event.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Ohlen Secretary