**Approved Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council minutes from April 21, 2025 (Special Meeting)**

**Present:** Father McCabe, Steve Welscher, Chris O’Reilly, Mary Jo O’Reilly, Pam Harmon, Cooper Utley, Regina Poncelet (via phone), Teresa Buck-liaison from Finance Council

**Absent:** 3 open roles on Pastoral Council

**Visitors**: none

**Documents:** Unapproved minutes January 27, 25, Agenda, Proxies requiring canonical approval timeline, overview of income and expense for Faith Formation and Youth and Family Ministry

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Welscher at 7:30
2. Opening Prayer by Father McCabe
3. The January meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion for approval by Chris O’Reilly and seconded by Cooper Utley. All were in favor and motion carried.
4. For the second year a fundraising garage sale will be held during the Goodhue Chamber of Commerce citywide garage sales coordinated by Eva Diercks. Per Father the Finance Council needs a recommendation for proceed distribution. Father provided a handout overview of Youth and Family Ministry and Faith Formation income and expenses for each.
5. Father needs a recommendation to have the 2025 garage sale proceeds go 50% each to Faith Formation and to Youth and Family Ministry.
	1. A motion for this recommendation by Father was made by Cooper Utley and seconded by Chris O’Reilly. All were in favor and the motion carried.
6. Father proposes that the 2026 Mardi Gras proceeds should be distributed: 10% to First Choice Pro-Life Clinic in Red Wing and 90% to Youth and Family Ministry.
7. Father proposes that the 2026 Parish garage sale proceeds go 100% to Faith Formation.
8. Discussions included; concern regarding what if no garage sale occurs in 2026, if a recommendation is approved--it would need to be with the understanding that if expense vs income require changing—the recommendation will be changed, concern that we don’t have the financial data to know if expenses exceed the income or what the standing of the accounts for Faith Formation are at (in the future when a recommendation is needed from this council-the financial data to make a valid recommendation will be provided), concern that we have advertised that the proceeds were going to Faith Formation.
9. A motion was made by Cooper Utley and seconded by Mary Jo O’Reilly to approve the 2026 proceed distribution as recommended (above in C.) by Father McCabe. All were in favor and the motion carried.
10. St. Columbkill Building Project:
	1. We are above 80% of the $300,000 goal in pledges. The Building Committee choose AMC Construction as the acting general contractor. The Building Committee understands that AMC Construction is not licensed as a general contractor. John Urlaub, Catholic Mutual Insurance agent, stated AMC will need to act as a general contractor and supply a $2 million certificate of insurance with its estimated project cost.
	2. Father McCabe needs a recommendation from the Pastoral Council stating thus: We recommend that Father McCabe move forward with the building project with AMC Construction after consulting with the Finance Council and Trustees (meeting April 28, 2025, at 5:30 pm) and send to the Catholic Mutual agent the necessary information for approval so that he can send a proxy letter for permission to move forward with the St. Columbkill building project.
	3. A motion to recommend moving forward (as stated in V. b. above) was made by Pam Harmon. It was seconded by Cooper Utley. All were in favor and the motion carried.
11. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be May 19, 2025, at 7:30 pm at Holly Trinity Parish. Each member is to bring 3 names for filling the vacant council positions.
12. Closing Prayer by Father McCabe was at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Pam Harmon

Approved 5/19/25 (motion Regina Poncelet, seconded by Chris O’Reilly, motion passed)