

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 10, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting members: Brooke Talkington, Dan Marshall, Shelley Thomas, Dave Nash, Chris Calvert, Toni Wharburton.

Non-voting members: Mary Skiles, Larry Gion, Julie Brown and Terri Calvert.

ABSENT: Tiann Colwell and Mike Esselstein

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Dave opened with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clarification of the February minutes regarding Toni and Dan and applications for Council positions. . Dave approached Dan Marshall and Toni Warburton about their interest in joining the council as opposed to the stated ‘applications were submitted’. Father approved of their interest in and agreement to being appointed. Brooke moved and Shelley seconded to accept and approve the three new members. Welcome to Toni, Dan and Mike!

Mike Esselstein agreed to fill the remainder of Jerry Fitzgerald’s term. Motion made as to same with Shelley moving and Brooke offering second. Mary suggested updating the By-laws as to non-voting member positions moving to a voting member position. Mary agreed to prepare a draft and bring to the next Council meeting. Minutes were approved as amended upon motion by Dan with second by Chris. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Communal Reconciliation on March, 22ND at 3:30 at St. Agnes.

Report from Terri re: OCIA status: 12 total to include 4 baptisms and 8 entering into full Communion with the church.

Carpet around pillars in Garden room: Jerry talked with Johnson Cashway about replacing carpet..... Jerry will pursue further and has indicated he will cover the costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fr. Konka: visit to home in India was very good with his family and friends.

Terri – motion lights for bathroom in the Garden space are planned. Changes made to sound system. Camera for entry area not working – new receiver on its way so that camera in balcony can send to TV for viewing of baptisms taking place in Gathering space.

From Theresa in the office – people are using space inside the Church without calling ahead to schedule. Lights being left on in Garden Room; Sacristans need to better check after each Mass and groups using common areas need to take responsibility for lights and doors. Discussed how to inform/remind people to officially schedule space.

Father noted that the northeast interior side of the Gathering Space is getting dark again like when it leaked..... old moisture???? Needs painted. Gutter clean out – Chris Calvert will view from his drone to determine course of action.

Julie Brown discussed projected registrations for pre-K in future. Staff will participate in Week of the Child program and hopefully network for hopeful registrants.

Mary Skiles.....a \$120,163 balance for the St. Agnes Foundation at present..... Group will be meeting next month.

Larry Gion – Finance report for month: monthly revenue for 8 months: \$284, 832.34. (weekly collected). Budget however was \$377,400 we are \$92,567 short for the year. Designated gifts through end of February totaled \$106,830....(by 8 parishioners). Expense wise, we are on budget.

Dan Marshall who serves on the Scottsbluff Parks Board, has conferred with various entities re: tree care on our properties. We have gone several years with no maintenance to the trees. Various bids explored..... Tree Monkeys submitted a \$5200 bid which includes removal of one tree and general trimming of all others. There is a program from Forest Service called tree plotter. Allows for tracking of location, species, age and condition of the trees. We have received 'in-kind' monies for donation of this plan, using Tree Monkeys. Motion: Dan to begin the work on the grounds trees using the earmarked monies – moved by Brooke.....seconded by Chris... motion granted by vote.

Discussion ensued regarding Church building security during Mass. Input has been received via letter and email from Jordan and Tiann Colwell who strongly support beefing up security measures for safety of parishioners. New Council member Chris Calvert who is a Deputy Sheriff provided input as well. Dave Nash has done a lot of research and will continue to do so. Terri shared with Dave, materials prepared by Catholic Mutual regarding church security. Discussion and evaluation will continue.

Closing prayer lead by Father Konka.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Thomas