

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
10 February 2026**

Meeting opened 6:05pm

- Opening prayer -
- In attendance:

Fr. Balachandra Miriyala	Present	Mike Keohane (27)	Present
Todd Giefer, President (26)	Present	Laura Mack (27)	Present
Gary Jones, Vice President (28)	Present	Jon Smrtic (26)	Present
Stephanie Pierce, Secretary (26)		Jeannine Edmonds, Finance Council	Present
John Beshenich (28)	Present	Carolyn Klemp, Business Manager	
Marty Brown (26)	Present	Joan Leonard, Dir of Liturgical Music	
Glenn Dreiling (28)	Present	Carrie Mathews, PLC	Present
Julie Foresee (28)	Present	McKinzie Murley, Director RE/Youth	Present
Katie Frandsen (27)	Present		
Van Bert (27)			

1. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
2. Old business:
  - a. School Board
    - Mike - support our CS/ function, "Ignite" riverfront 6-9 \$60 - 2/28/2026, tickets can be purchased at the school
    - All students from this church as been accounted for
  - b. Capital Campaign
    - Monday - \$1,090,080 pledges - 1,250,000 - \$135,000 still needed - 160 have pledged 299,823. ½ in hand before we start. We should not be soliciting during February because of the "Call to Share" campaign.
  - c. Building Committee
    - Meeting yesterday/ 2/9/2026 - carpeting/paints/colors/doors - meeting turned out well. Good decisions made. Met with the city for the importance - onboard - not a commercial kitchen/functional space.
3. Organization Requests/Updates/Reports:
  - a. Bala Bash
    - Tickets sales are above last years sales
    - About 5-6 tickets still available
    - Bring cash
    - Dress casual - this is Lansing

- b. Altar Society
  - March 18 - set up a table soup supper
  
- c. Liturgical Committee:
  - March 3, next meeting
  - Stations of the Cross - every Wednesday during Lent
  - Ministries - installation over the next couple of weekends
  
- d. Finance Committee
  - Finance reports were sent out - contact Carolyn if still not receiving report
  - Next week - Pastoral Council and Finance committee will have joint meeting - in Mertz hall
    - Prayer - meeting - no need to stay for the entire meeting
  - Carolyn is retiring at the end of the financial year - end of June
    - Business experience / business degree / interface with other people / 30-40 hours per week - full time
  
- e. Religious Education - McKinzie
  - 3 people have reached out for the open Youth position - goal is to have someone hired by April 1
  
- 4. Calendar Forecast:
  - a. The calendar is always available on the website.
    - Reviewed calendar
  
- 5. New Business:
  - a. Ministry Fair
    - Last Fair went well - another fair late summer - early fall
  
  - b. Welcoming Committee
    - Todd met with the greeters - reviewed the hospitality aspect of the greeters position
  
  - c. Lent
    - 18 Feb -
    - Soup suppers / Review the 4 modules of the Beatitudes. Should take 15-30 minutes
  
  - d. Archdiocese Synodality
    - Zoom with Archdiocese -
    - Lay people given the opportunities to express to the archdiocese



- During the Lent season - Meeting about the Beatitudes host 2 meetings at parish hall one outside the parish
- Sessions will last 90 minutes
- Todd will bring a few people together to help coordinate. 2 meetings by need to be completed by April 26
- After meetings / online survey will be sent out

e. Upcoming events/issues:

- Wednesday confession
- Communal penance services coming up

6. Next Meeting:

Meeting closed at 7:15pm