



# St. Francis de Sales Church

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## Pastoral Council Minutes 17 September 2025 @ 6pm

- Attendance

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

- Welcome at 6:02 pm
- Opening Prayer – Fr Bala
- Review last meeting's minutes – No objections/no corrections: Approved for the record
- Old Business
  - Parish Picnic
    - Good turn out; great food
    - Need more outside games for kids and possibly activities for everyone with a suggestion for pickleball.
    - POC for this year's picnic was Mary Cox and Sharon Kirby.
  - Parish Mission Week
    - AAR with PMW committee members is scheduled for October 2 at 6pm
    - Week went well.
    - It was well attended each evening. Sunday probably had more than 300 people. The other evenings 200-210 each night. Daily Mass had roughly 80 in attendance each morning.
    - Comments from those that attended included "added motivation", "wonderful".
    - Discussed ways as a PC how we can keep the momentum of PMW.
  - "Welcoming" new members to our parish
    - Idea is that Welcome needs to be something different than what we currently have in place. Idea is to gather after Mass on a given Sunday and invite new members to attend and learn more about our parish. Possibly match new families with a "sponsor family"
    - Another suggestion is to eliminate Family Life Committee and replace it with a Welcome Committee.
- Organizations

- Ministry fair is scheduled for Nov 2.
- Basement sale needs volunteers. Shifts available 7:30-noon or 11:30-4:30 for Friday and Saturday
- Bala Bash needs volunteers for donations committee. Volunteers will be solicitating donations for event
- Building Committee
  - o Capital Campaign will be kicking off soon
  - o 8 leadership/ambassadors on the committee
  - o Kickoff date is October 25/26 weekend with the projected end date for end of January 2026, due to Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign starting in Feb 2026
  - o Goal is \$1.25 million dollars with 3-year pledges
  - o Theme is "Building the Future, One Blessing at a Time"
- School Board Committee
  - o Next meeting is scheduled for October
  - o Committee will be requesting use of the school bus for parish activities
  - o There are a few families that claim St Francis as home parish for school tuition discount but not registered with our parish.
- Liturgy Committee
  - o Next meeting in October
- Finance Committee
  - o Currently 2 months into new fiscal year as we are slightly behind with actual vs. budgeted forecast; not a cause for alarm at this point.
- Religious Education
  - o There is interest for parish youth council. Youth council would assist with parish activities/committees.
  - o Monthly Youth Mass (dedicated time) has been placed on hold. Instead, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month both 8am and 10:15am Masses will be led by youth. We will try to include Xavier students in those Masses quarterly.
  - o Hiring offer was made to an applicant for our part-time youth minister vacancy. Name will be announced once position is filled.
- Calendar Forecast
  - Oct 3 and 4 Basement Sale.
  - October 25 9-12:30am CPR Training for ushers, greeters and anyone in leadership roles for parish, 20 slots available.
  - Nov 2 Ministry fair after 8am and 10:15am Mass.
  - Nov 15 9-12:30am CPR Training for ushers, greeters and anyone in leadership roles for parish, only need to attend one, 20 slots available.
  - Bala Bash February 14, 2026, after 5pm Mass at Robert Martz Hall.

- New Business
  - Nomination and approval of Gary Jones to replace Van Bert as Vice President.
    - Van has Tuesday evening classes both fall and spring semester that conflict with PC meetings.
- Next Meeting: 14 October 2025 at 6pm
- Closing Prayer – Fr Bala at 708pm
- Due Outs: Please email your biography to Todd so that we can update our PC webpage with council members.

Respectively submitted by Van Bert

