

ST. JOAN OF ARC – Virtual PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT – Maura Fitzgerald, Rob Ley, Sean Barnard, Joel Racchini, Martina Panzer, Shannon Thompson, Elaine Hauff, Josie Meyer, Dennis Heaney and Fr. DeBruycker.

Shannon led the Council in a moment of meditation.

Rob offered our opening prayer.

- 1) Minutes: Daymond will send the May minutes out.
- 2) Financial Report: The only item on the consent item is the May financial report. Joel recommended that we discuss the year-end financial reports at our next meeting. Dennis noted the audit is scheduled for August so we can have a report after that. We are running well ahead of budget, largely because of bequeathals. Dennis shared that \$432,000 is coming from the Outreach Fund this year, including \$200,000 from the Care Committee \$92,000 for our sustaining partners, and justice grants went to 29 organization for a total of \$140,000. Joel made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Josie seconded and it was approved.
- 3) Pastor's Report: Fr. DeBruycker noted that everything is going wonderfully.
- 4) Safety and security: Dennis reported that staff began to reinvigorate SJA's safety and security protocols and they began meeting recently with parishioner Jason Matlock who consults in this area and is doing it pro bono for us. Staff are scheduled to monitor SJA during masses and they are looking at technology, protocols and other security aspects. Jason will be a pre-mass speaker in October.
- 5) Facilities Committee – The \$900,000 bid to fix the church roof has been approved by the trustees and Facilities Committee and is going to the diocese for final approval. April 2027 is the goal to proceed with the new roof if the tiles come in. The committee is also looking at a plan for how to renovate the school space after the students leave on June 30 and renovating the lobby with a consideration for improving safety.
- 6) Member report – April and May: 20 new adults, 5 children, 13 deceased, 2 members asked to be removed, so it was fairly break even over this time period. Dennis will bring full year data once complete.
- 7) Council Liaison Reports:
 - a) Music liaison – Sean received a concert series report from Peter and will share it with the Council members. Headlines include ticket sales were down slightly, but the net profit was higher because expenses were reduced. A couple of things being considered are looking at the decibel level for shows and the time concerts begin. Shows have typically begun at 7 pm on Sundays and end after 9 because of the intermission. Sean noted that there has been a trend of shows starting earlier and will talk to the committee about that. He plans to work with Peter on a survey of those who attended concerts over the past year.

- b) Family mass – Martina said there are three summer social events scheduled, and the first was on a rainy day but they still had a handful of families who had a great time (and caught a break in the rain, too). The next park day is June 28 from 4-6 pm at Wabun Picnic Area.
- 8) Pre-mass welcome table – the Council has staffed a table in the past, but they haven't resulted in a lot of conversations. Joel shared that a learning from the Welcome the Stranger group is to have something different each week to attract people (themes, fun fact, etc.). Dennis noted that our technical staff could help us with creating slides for the welcome center. Having pictures of council members on slides was also suggested. September 13 is welcome back Sunday and may be a good day to start this initiative. Ideas for the table included: registration forms, suggestion box, Shared Ministry forms, SJA information sheet.
- Action item: Everyone should send ideas for an information sheet to Dennis and he will ask staff to design materials for September
- 9) Capital campaign – Dennis said that they are looking for people to make calls for the campaign and Josie noted that the youth group may be willing to make calls because they enjoy doing that. A letter is going out to parishioners after the first round of calls.
- 10) Ongoing Business
- a) Catholic Social Teaching – Option for the Poor. Joel shared a couple of quotes from Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation from October, and the Council discussed: how youth don't usually pay attention to people's financial backgrounds, that homeless people always come up in Family mass prayers, the importance of destigmatizing drug and mental health issues which are related to homelessness, the book *Under the Overpass* was recommended, the need to support policies that impact the most vulnerable, positive SJA initiatives like Mobile Loaves, ISAIAH, and the Care Fund, the problem of the increasing wealth gap, and the *Where Peter Is* website was recommended for information about Vatican policies. The list of topics covered was in the handouts and if anyone wants to lead a topic, please let Sue and Joel know.
 - b) There is a celebration of Enzo's life on June 20 and it will be promoted to the community.

The closing prayer was given by Rob.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 6, at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Thompson