

St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo, NE
Parish Council Minutes – August 2, 2025

Attendance – Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Alder, Dianne Turman, Chris Lautenschlager, Tobin Spangler, Mike Weiss, Sally Gerdes and Michael Vech

Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff
Minutes approved

Pastor Update - Fr. Eickhoff

Father has candidates for 5 new readers and 2 new acolytes. A meeting will be set up soon to work with readers, acolytes, and ushers.

RESCUE PROJECT – We are planning to offer the Rescue Project again this fall. It would run about 6-7 weeks. The hope is to have more in home hosting by parishioners that have already attended. Saturday, Sept. 13 would be the training for hosts. This should last about 1 hour. We would like to have 10-12 host couples for the Rescue Project. There would be a retreat on November 14-15 at the conclusion of the project. We would like to extend an invitation from the pulpit to announce we are beginning the Rescue Project again and invite parishioners to participate.

FOCUS TRAINING – This is for parishioners. Making Missionary Disciples Track could be a possible training area for Focus. We would like to encourage public school youth to participate in any offerings by the church.

FINANCE - A representative of the financial Committee will present a financial/budget update to the parish at all Masses in September.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Father Zachary will be coming for the Lenten Retreat.

Committee Reports

Stewardship and Evangelization – Sally – No report was given as the committee did not meet. A suggestion was made to have them assign a person to coordinate greeters for masses.

Men's Ministry- (Bob) – The 3rd Annual Men's Day of Rest is August 16th in Prague. Speakers are Father Kain, pastor of St. John, and Brother Angelo from the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. The day will conclude with a steak dinner for the men and their families, prepared by Bob Bartek and Ron Meduna.

Building and Grounds Maintenance and Safety – (Chris) The choir loft and stair repair is complete. Father is planning to meet with Kevin Clark to discuss nave flooring and pews as well as Sacristy renovation. They are working with Chris Ostwinkle for a new sacristy door. There was discussion about the dimness of the streetlight on the northwest corner of the playground. They will check to see what can be done.

St Wenceslaus School Report – Mike Weiss reported that they are excited to begin the school year.

Bishop Neumann High School - (Tobin) They are discussing whether to continue Open Campus for seniors.

Finance - (Mike Vech) The parish has a -\$175,000 net deficit. Our operating budget shortfall is -\$209,000. Tithing is about a 3% increase. A financial update will be given in September at all masses.

New Business

The Parish will have a 150 Year Anniversary in 2027.

Jessica Pearson and Chris Lautenschlager offered a couple of prayers to be placed in pews.

A prayer Garden is being installed on the North side of Saint Wenceslaus School. Gala funds are being used. Thomas Haberman and Father Eickhoff are working on this. Pavers are being installed, and the garden will have statues that have been donated.

Next meeting is an adoration meeting, Sept.6, 2025.

The next business meeting is October 18, 2025.

Father Eickhoff led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Turman