

St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo, NE

Parish Council Minutes – January 24, 2026

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

Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff

Minutes approved

**Pastor Update - Fr. Eickhoff**

ACOLYTE MEETING – The new acolyte training for the deanery will be January 17.

Installation will be on February 14. We have 2 men training.

ELECTION – Parish Council elections will take place in early February. Father Eickhoff is gathering bios from the candidates.

DIRECTORY – A new parish directory will be made in the late spring of 2026. Father Eickhoff is communicating with the company that will do this.

RESCUE PROJECT 2026 - There were 5 groups that met during Advent. A new section will begin in February.

PARISH MISSION- Parish Mission is scheduled March 7-12. Fr. Zach will preach the Sunday masses on March 7 and 8. The mission will include 3-night sessions.

CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKS- Ben Kreifels had suggested a mass book for young children. Father Eickhoff purchased one of the books to review. Cost is in the \$15 range. Council discussed purchasing some books for the church and possibly as Baptism gifts.

**Committee Reports**

Stewardship– (Sally) The Stewardship committee did not meet in January

In December they gathered gifts for Liberty House and Christmas caroled there as well.

They are looking for more people who can be helpers for Mission Connect as well as any people who need the Mission Connect group's help.

They have put together an information directory for new parishioners.

Men's Ministry– (Bob) No Report

Building and Grounds Maintenance and Safety – (Chris) The Christmas trees should be taken down February 2 and then Chris plans to do an electronic scan of the church to aid in any renovations. Chris Ostwinkle has been contacted about a sacristy door. This may be done in conjunction with replacement of some doorknobs at St Wenceslaus School. There have been many compliments and positive remarks about the Choir loft renovations done by Pat Vasa.

St Wenceslaus School Report – Mike Weiss will be retiring at the end of this year. There are 4 candidates that will be interviewing. Father Eickhoff has put together a team to do the interviews.

The insurance adjustment has arrived, and the school's awning repair will begin soon. The school is planning some concrete planters to be placed as visible markers for deliveries.

Pre School round up is Feb. 2

Healthcare premiums have increased substantially. The school is working to eventually make this a 70-30 split. (the school paying 70% and the employee paying 30%)

Bishop Neumann High School - (Tobin) No Report

Finance - Mike Vech) The Finance committee will meet Feb 3. An update will be given at our next meeting.

Glenn Baumert will promote estate planning and scholarship fundraising.

**New Business -**

Discussion included getting names of volunteers to carry offertory gifts at masses. It was suggested that our website needs to be updated

**The next council meeting will be March 14, 2026**

Father Eickhoff led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Turman