

St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo, NE
Parish Council Minutes – June 13, 2026

Attendance – Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Alder, Dianne Turman, Michael Vech, Jake Barry, Sally Gerdes and Jessica Pearson
Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff
Minutes edited and approved

Pastor Update - Fr. Eickhoff

RENOVATIONS – Kevin Clark, Al Vybiral, Tobin Spangler, Bob Sullivan, Glenn Baumert and Father Eickhoff walked through the church to identify renovation projects. The flooring is a priority. Pew replacement is recommended vs restoration of old pews. The new pew design would be used to make new sanctuary furniture to match. The sound bar speakers would be moved to the corners of the church to avoid sound feedback. A suggestion was made to move the pulpit to the east to allow more room. The pulpit microphone would be wired through the pulpit to make it more stable. The plan also looks at painting the nave ceiling and highlighting the ribs. The Baptismal font needs to be replaced. The plan looked at adjusting the side altars and the high altar to allow crosses to fit better and create better vision of the murals. Other topics discussed were the cry room and confessionals. The cost and fundraising remain under discussion.

RESCUE PROJECT 2026 - Father Eickhoff would like to use The Rescue Project (this fall) to incorporate converts and fallen away Catholics. Convert classes would continue after the Rescue Project is finished.

CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKS- Donations for this project have been secured. Thirty children's mass books have been ordered.

Committee Reports

Stewardship– The parish picnic is planned for June 27. It will be held in the church parking lot. The new parishioner's dinner is scheduled for October 11, 2026.

Men's Ministry – Next Meeting is August 15.

Building and Grounds Maintenance and Safety – (Father Eickhoff) The original bid for asphalt was \$5000 to seal cracks. The street to the north of the church and the south entry between the school and the church can be repaired for \$14,000. The total asphalt bill would be \$19,000.

St Wenceslaus School Report – (Fr. Eickhoff)- The school calendar lottery was successful and will continue next year. John Benal is replacing the carpet in the school office and principal's office. The gym bleachers have been installed.

Bishop Neumann High School - (Jessica) Bishop Neumann is updating the dress code and the Academic Citation. Please see the Bishop Neumann Handbook for specifics.

Finance - (Mike Vech)

The financial report improved. The shortfall is \$120,000. (down from \$180,000)

NEW BUSINESS-

Jessica Pearson has offered to present a Finance class to help parishioners discern their tithing. There will consist of 2 classes, with one in September and the follow up in October.

Some mothers are interested in purchasing new altar server robes and albs. Katie Sieck will present Father Eickhoff with sample ideas.

The next council meeting will be July 18, 2026

Father Eickhoff led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Turman