

Holy Rosary Parish Council Minutes

The Holy Rosary parish council met July 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Members present were Father Immanuel, John Hagood, Darryl Honas, Rodney Ringer, Kay Koger, Brian Withrow and Diane Seiler. Brandon Warner was absent. Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Discussion was held about who should be present for the meeting. It is to be an advisory board to the priest. Members present should represent the choir, Parish School of Religion, the Ladies of Holy Rosary, the finance council, the Knights of Columbus, members of the Tri-Parish council and the person in charge of maintenance. Father Immanuel will appoint someone to head the council.

After discussion it was decided to meet twice a year in the fall and the spring or a special meeting can be called if a specific issue arises. After discussion, it was also decided to cancel Flocknote. A motion was made by Diane Seiler to cancel Flocknote and replace with one of the free apps available. It was seconded by John Hagood.

Discussion was held to set up a fund to help a family or person in need. Brian reported that we are already setting aside \$100.00 a month that Father Emmanuel can use to help people in need. The fund has \$1800.00 dollars left in it. Father suggested a second fund be kept separate if set up. It was decided to wait and see what the tri-parish council decided regarding whether each parish will have its own fund or have the three parishes go together for one fund. It was discussed to be careful and not just give needy people cash to avoid them using the money for alcohol or cigarettes.

It was decided to start passing the basket again at the Offertory in Mass. We are missing the visitors who can easily walk by the big basket and not feel obligated to make a donation. It was noted that touching the basket makes one more aware that we all need to help support the church. We will start passing the basket again on August 1st, 2025.

Beginning in September, Father Immanuel will give a talk on active participation in the Mass. We are in need of volunteers to be a Sacristan, to read, to pass the basket, to be greeters and, to be Eucharistic ministers.

We talked about getting out a financial report for the end of the fiscal year. Brian reported that at the end of June in 2024 we had \$83,976.36 in the parish treasury and today we have \$52,500.16. We also have \$92,000.00 with the Dodge City Diocese. Our biggest expense is insurance with Catholic Mutual Insurance Company.

A pictorial parish directory was discussed and will be brought up at the Tri-parish Council meeting. The meeting was closed with Father Immanuel leading a prayer.