

Holy Rosary Parish Council Minutes

1-14-26

The Holy Rosary Parish Council met January 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Members present were Father Emmanuel, Kay Koger, Ed Koger, Rodney Ringer, Darryl Honas, John Hagood, Diane Seiler, Leroy Seiler, and Brandon Warner. The previous minutes were read by Diane Seiler. No additions or corrections were made.

Leadership for the parish council was discussed. Since Father had not appointed a leader for the council, Brandon Warner was asked if he would consider the job, and he agreed to consider it.

Old Business:

Discussion was held about the need to set a budget for Holy Rosary. Father asked the different people in charge of maintenance, liturgy, and the kitchen to keep track of their expenses to help develop a reasonable budget for their area. The need for a regular financial report was discussed. The fiscal year ends June 30, and it was agreed to request that bookkeeper Brian Withrow have one ready for our next meeting. According to those who count the weekly collection, renewing the practice of passing the basket has increased giving. Also discussed was having the children bring up offerings to Father Emmanuel, and he was receptive to the idea.

The new pictorial directory was discussed and it will be a topic of discussion at the Tri-Parish Council meeting on January 20, 2026. John Forrester is checking with a person from Kiowa about doing the directory, and Kay Koger is also checking into people who do directories, also.

New Business: Father Emmanuel asked everyone to think about what we wanted to do for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026. Leroy suggested doing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after Mass on Wednesdays, and the council agreed to implement this. We will do the Stations of the Cross either before Mass on Wednesday or right after Mass before Adoration, which will be from 7 pm to 12 am. A sign-up sheet will be shared after Mass on Saturdays for people to sign up with adoration to begin on Ash Wednesday.

Father said that Kiowa would have Confirmation this year. Medicine Lodge would have some First Communicants.

Leroy asked the council to plan for improvements and replacements that will be needed in the not very distant future, such as new carpet in the church and resurfacing the parking lot, which was last done in 2015.

Father told us that Bishop Brungardt wants to come to Medicine Lodge on February 5th to meet with parishioners and asked for help completing his list of names. How many total to invite will be discussed further at the tri-parish council meeting, and it was agreed RSVP's will be necessary so that an appropriate amount of food will be available. Mason Eck will send out invitations to people from all three parishes. The menu was discussed, and it was decided to serve fried chicken and ask the other parishes to bring salads and desserts.

Father discussed plans for the celebration of the Dodge City Diocese's 75th Anniversary this year. He has a form for people to order T-shirts commemorating the anniversary. The bishop has requested that all parishes celebrate their patron saint in a special way during this anniversary year, and after some discussion we decided to celebrate our parish of Holy Rosary in October since we don't have saint's name for our church. A committee will be formed at the next meeting to plan the event.

Father suggested we need to have a supper for the UNBOUND people coming on February 22 to talk at Mass. It was decided to have a soup supper. Darryl volunteered to make Santa Fe soup, Diane will bring chicken noodle soup, and Kay will bring some breads and rolls.

Our next meeting will be in late April or early May. Father adjourned the meeting with a prayer.