St. Joseph Parish & School
Minutes for Leadership Council Meeting
Thursday, October 1st 2026
6:00pm

1. OPENING
    a. Prayer: Hail Mary

    b. Roll call: Marissa G, Tenille S, Lisa S, Lindsay S, Toby S, Becky B, Crystal B, Perla Z, Danny O, Jenny O

2. REPORTS
    a. Pastor's report:
        i. Buildings and Grounds:
            1. Baptismal Font is being built by Granite Castle
            2. Fall Clean up day on October 10th in the morning hours
            3. Organ-Hold up from Fr. Bob's Estate and until all monies are received, we are not having it built
        ii. Pastoral Council:
            1. -Wine and Cheese-October 18th, 6 p.m.
        iii. Finance Council
            1. -Budget has been prepared
            2. -Will be looking at some short term needs with HVAC and Roof-leaky roofs in the church and the school that will need to be addressed
            3. -Windows in the school (I believe 3rd and 4th grade, Becky can say more) will need to be replaced
        iv. State of the Union Address to the parish on 17th/18th of October
        v. OCIA- 15 Candidates at SS. John and Paul, Altoona-we are pooling our resources with them and meeting every Sunday, 12-1:30
            a. There are I believe 3 or 4 Latino at St. Anthony in the Spanish speaking program from St. Joseph
        vi. RE- Numbers are up in the elementary and middle school grades,
            a. 64 in the Confirmation-9th and 10th grade which in 4 years will be in the 6th grade by Diocesan policy (restored order and will give them graces before the High School years)
        vii. Will return from Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, and Florence on Wednesday evening and back in the office by Friday! I will be at the Trunk or Treat

    b. Principal Update:
        i. Requesting money to fence in grassy area on hill. City is allowing most of the area to be fenced in, fence will taper in to exclude drainage pipes/area. Private donation of $5k, needing additional $12K

ii. Requesting money Ump for ½ day. $2K .
iii. Enrollment will roll out 1st week of November
iv. OCIA 4 students to receive all sacraments this year, 8 students signed up for baptism. Confirmation 26-27 9th and 10th grade, 27-28 8th and 9th grade, 28-29 7th and 8th grade, 29-30 6th and 7th grade, 2031 6th grade only
v. STEM Lego has started
vi. Battle of the Books starting after fall conferences
vii. Attended school safety meeting, may be rolling out additional info soon

c. President's report:
   i. Diocese Leadership Council presidents meeting, most of discussion revolved around ESA and cost to educate. Enrollment up in all schools but commitment to parish and church is lacking. Families should be attending mass and tithing. The difference between tuition and the cost to educate is being made up by the church. Need to encourage more families to get involved and support both school and church.

d. Treasurer's report: See separate report
   i. Approved up to $12K for fence, ½ to come from Leadership Council and ½ from Gala
   ii. Approved $2K for Ump

e. Committee reports:
   i. Academics: Sending out parent survey in November

   ii. Community: Trunk or Treat Oct. 11th -concessions $250, Conferences-taco bar, signup genius, Father/Daughter Dance $1500, Mother/Son $700

   iii. Faith: Prayer boxes w/notepad and pens x 3, Thankful board, Christmas time considering sign in sheet and individual reward for attending weekend mass and class reward for highest attendance

   iv. Fundraising: Trivia night Dec 5th Jingle and Mingle, considering SJCS supported signs/stickers etc

iv. NEXT MEETING: Dec 3rd 2026

v. CLOSING PRAYER Our Father