



Attendees: Fr. John Firpo, Lorie Cook, Annamaria Falzarano, Mike Moriarty, Jim Peters, Amaka Ugochukwu

Excused: Ryan Mulcahy, Jerry Streb

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. John

2. Introduction of New Member:

Amaka Ugochukwu was welcomed as a new Parish Council Member.

3. Approval of Minutes (05-13-2025) and Agenda (09-30-2025)

Minutes and agenda approved.

4. Staff Update – Fr. John

A) Finance Committee:

- 2025-26 Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) has begun. This year's goal for St. Charles is \$104,000. Through early giving, \$28,000 (27%) has been raised.
- Weekly plate budgeted amount is \$14,100. To date weekly plate collection has been falling a little behind.
- The Diocesan bankruptcy has been finalized.

B) Faith Formation:

- James Sarkis has been hired as the new multi-parish Faith Formation Director for St. Charles Borromeo, Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross and St. Lawrence parishes. Moira Spencer has been hired as Administrative Assistant. James Sarkis will be introduced to the parish soon.
- First Communion preparation classes are being organized, as well as OICA sessions that will be held at St. Charles Borromeo and Mother of Sorrows.
- "Opening the Word" Bible Study will begin on Wednesday October 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Library. Sessions will be held every Wednesday through November 26, 2025.

C) Fundraising Events:

- St. Charles Great Garage Sale raised \$14,000 in May/June 2025.
- Lady's Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday October 4, 2025 with Meteorologist Glenn Johnson as guest speaker.
- A Planned Giving Seminar will be held on Monday October 20, 2025 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall.

D) Capital Projects

- One of the buildings compressors needed repair this summer after leaking oil and refrigerants. The Finance Committee is looking into long-term solution to this persistent issue.
- The Sacristy steps were upgraded to meet current standards and improve safety.
- Work on the parking lot catch-basins has been completed, as well as resealing and restriping of the parking lot

- The updated Hearing Loop has been installed and is functioning well with positive feedback by parishioners who use it.

E) Other:

- Music Ministry: Children's Choir, Schola and Sanctuary Choir are in full operation. New members are always welcomed.
- Home Visitation: Lee Ventura has recruited two new volunteers for this vital ministry to many parishioners.
- Plans are being developed with the Greece Police Department to improve Church security during worship, in the light of recent tragedies in Minnesota and Michigan. Once developed, the plan will be reviewed by the Parish Council and presented to parishioners.

5. Update: Journey Home Caring Bags and Human Trafficking Presentation (Annamaria Falzarano, Lorie Cook)

- A) Caring Bags for families at Journey Home are ready for distribution. Bags include snacks, coupons, hand sanitizer, tissues prayer square, and "Thinking of You" cards (cards were crafted by children at St' Charles Vacation School. Knights of Columbus provided financial support for incidental expenses. Each family will receive a bag when their loved ones enter Journey Home.
- B) Human Trafficking Presentation was held in May in conjunction with Bethany Presbyterian Church. Eight St. Charles parishioners attended the presentation given by Angels of Mercy. A synopsis of the presentation will be in an upcoming bulletin.

6. Update: Centennial Celebration (Mike Moriarty)

- A) St. Charles Borromeo's Year-Long Centennial Celebration will conclude in early November.
 - A Parish Dinner is scheduled for Sunday November 2, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 pm at Barnard Party House with live music by Allegro. Tickets will be \$30 per person and go on sale Monday October 6, 2025 either at the parish office or on-line.
 - On Saturday November 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm Bishop Matano will celebrate Mass with a reception following in the Parish Center. After each Sunday Mass, receptions will held in the Parish Center
- B) The monthly celebrations have been well received by parishioners with much thanks to the committee for its diligent and hard work.

7. New Business

- A) Selection of Officers for 2025-2026 was postponed until the Parish Council Meeting on October 21, 2025.
- B) The subject of a new Parish Directory was raised; Any plans will be developed for implementation in 2027.
- C) Fr, John reminded the Parish Council that parish staff periodically follow up with family members of deceased parishioners

8. Closing Prayer

Fr. John led the Parish Council in the Hail Mary and The Lord's Prayer.

Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

submitted by J. Peters