



Minutes for February 18, 2025
ACTS Council
Location: Sacred Heart 7:00 pm

Attendees: DeeDee Foos, Steve Lagrou, Denny Jenkins, Jane Harper, Carolyn Nieset, Rick Branda, Vince Branco, Jim Elder

Absent: Paulene Steinberger, Denise Graf

Liaisons: Shelly Williams

Guests:

Call meeting to order: 7:05 pm, by DeeDee Foos

Opening Prayer: Steve Lagrou

- Prayer for Diocese ACTS retreats (“Our Father”)

Faith Sharing: Rick Branda

- What if someone said “no” before Mary?
- To what regard were women held in those times?
 - Jewish women were held to the same standard as men
- Recommend looking up the life of Mary

Acknowledge January Minutes: Jane Harper

- Minutes were viewed and approved by 7 people
- Motion made by Carolyn, seconded by Rick, motion passed

Facilitator Discussion:

- We need to start asking people to consider coming on council, Shelly Williams, Jim Elder and DeeDee Foos will be coming off in April
 - Discussion of possible people to ask
- Review and Discuss roles
 - Possibly have roles last for longer than one year
 - Support Coordinators and Supply Coordinators possibly do 3 years and train the incoming person
 - Discussion of current positions held and changes that want to be made
- The Pines - update on meals and whose responsibility will it be to plan them and do we need to raise retreat fee
 - Met with Father, he feels we should stick with the caterer at the Pines, and see how it goes, and if they stay open or close.
 - Don't worry about the money, just pray about it
 - \$199 per person for Women's Retreat per Father Chris
 - Motion to accept Father Chris recommendation for \$199 fee for retreatants, Shelly motioned, Vince seconded
 - St. Cashmere grant should be opening in the next couple of months.



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- Endowment fund can help with fees
- Downtown Fremont Farmers' Market from 9-1
 - Someone needs to be able to transport everything
 - Tables, canopy, weights
 - Setup should be done by the same people if available all four Saturdays
 - Denny and Vince said they can help with setup and tear down
- Do not list ACTS for donation on a weekly envelope per Fr. Chris request

Women's Retreat July 31 - August 3, 2025- Carolyn Nieset

- On Course
- 7 women signed up besides leadership team
 - Need about 5 more signed up
 - Will start making phone calls after next leadership meeting
 - Paulene will send follow-up email
- Will start working on inventory soon

Men's Retreat: October 1-4, 2026

Finance Report: Denny Jenkins

- Starting balance \$6,407.51
 - Check written to Kim Jenkins for retreat training reimbursement for \$60, new balance \$6,347.51
 - Donation from Shelly for \$100, new balance \$6,447.51
- Motion to accept financial report Shelly, Carolyn seconded, motion passes

ACTS Liaison Update:

- No report

ACTS Chapter Updates: Shelly Williams

- Next Thursday is Gala, if you are still interested in going, tickets can be purchased up until the day before, let Shelly know
- Basket was put together, cost around \$88, for a soup themed basket
- May 19, time TBD, Chapter Townhall
 - Chance to meet everyone
- Sandusky Women have their ACTS retreat March 20-23 at the Pines
 - Say a rosary to send support.
- ACTS webpage needs updated on Diocese page

Old Business

- Are the minutes being sent to parish for the website
 - Kim said she will take care of it



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- Do we want to investigate grant money from different organizations? Who will be lead
 - Spoke with Parish office
 - Steve is looking into endowment fund
 - Other possible places to ask
 - Knights of Columbus (Mitch), Rosary Alter (DeeDee asking parish office), Confraternity (Vickie Wright? Shelly will check)
 - Possibly send someone to a meeting to present something in writing
- Shirts (Jim Elder's old shirts, and possibly changing current shirt)
 - Jim says sell them and donate the money to ACTS, \$10 a shirt
 - Rick motions to buy Jim's shirts and sell them at \$18 each, Vince seconded, motion passes

Action Items / New Business

- Fall Event 2025, start planning this winter - Table until January or February meeting
 - Reached out to Jim K, Steve will be his contact person
 - Jim's ideas:
 - Tailgate during football season
 - Need way to project the game
 - ACTS provides main foods, attendees provide sides
 - BYOB (check rules)
 - First choice, November 1, second choice October 18
- Do you want to skip August meeting due to meeting in June
 - Keep meeting at scheduled due to fall event

Calendar Event Updates:

- Prayer Ministry - March 15th/16th, May 17th/18th, summer off
- Women's Retreat July 31 - August 3, 2025
- Men's Retreat October 1-4, 2026
- Next meeting March 25, 2025

Assign responsibility for Opening Prayer, Faith Sharing, and Closing Prayer

- **Opening Prayer** – Carolyn Nieset
- **Faith Sharing** – DeeDee Foos
- **Closing Prayer** – Shelly Williams

Executive Session: No recorded discussion

Call for Meeting to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Rick, seconded by Denny, motion passed

Closing Prayer – Vince Branco

Upcoming 2025 Council Meetings:



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- March 25
- April 22
- May 27
- June 24
- August 26



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Name	Council Term
Shelly Williams	Sept 2020 - April 2025
Jim Elder	Aug 2021-April 2025
Dee Dee Foos	March 2022 - April 2025
Carolyn Nieset	Nov. 2022 - April 2026
Steve Lagrou	April 2024 - April 2027
Rick Branda	April 2024 - April 2027
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