



Minutes for August 27, 2024
ACTS Council
Location: Sacred Heart 7:00 pm

Attendees: Dee Dee Foos, Steve Lagrou, Denny Jenkins, Jane Harper, Carolyn Nieset, Shelly Williams, Denise Graf, Rick Branda

Absent: Vince Branco, Jim Elder

Liaisons: Paulene Steinberger Jim Kettner

Guests:

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

Opening Prayer: Shelly Williams

Faith Sharing: Rick Branda

- Rick posed the question about the situation that occurred in Ohio two years ago with a 10 year old needing to have an abortion due to becoming pregnant after being raped. He asked if it were your daughter/granddaughter, what would your decision be? - Discussion followed

Acknowledge May Minutes: Jane Harper

- Minutes were viewed by 8 people (with 1 having a correction)
- Motion made by Carolyn Nieset, seconded by Denny Jenkins, motion passed

Facilitator Discussion:

- Fill Jon Stawowy Role - Retreat Support Coordinator Men - Carolyn
- Motion to accept Jon's resignation made by Shelly, seconded by Denny Jenkins, motion passed.
- Need to fill Men and Women's Retreat Supply Coordinator
 - Supply Coordinator works with the Retreat Support Coordinator
 - More in depth discussion on the role
 - Discussion between Shelly and Denise working together as a team
- Denise agrees to take the lead on the Men's Retreat Supply Coordinator, with support from Shelly.
- Women's Retreat Supply Coordinator to be filled in the Spring
- Is everyone's training complete
 - Discussion on who has trained, and needs to still do training.
 - Discussion on what training is offered, online versus in-person, and the benefits of the different trainings offered

Men's Retreat: November 7-10th 2024 - Vince Branco updates

- No report from Vince, information provided by Rick Branda
- Additional retreatants- 4 from St. Joe, 4 from St. Ann's, 4 from a third parish
- Adam Brickner is no longer on the team; additional team members from Sandusky (6) and Bowling Green (1).



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- According to Paulene, they are on schedule
- October 12th is the Men's team retreat day at the Shrine
- Commissioning is September 8th during 11:00 mass
- Paulene:
 - Sandusky mens will come to assist; they posed the question: why are St. Anns or St. Joe's not on ACTS with us? Discussion was had between Fr Kris and Fr Matt to have St. Anns/St. Joes attend our retreat, to lead to future collaboration. Getting 4-5 men (collectively) from St Anns and St. Joes, Fr. Matt is selecting the men to attend retreat
 - Following the retreat, the men will start attending council/core meetings as non-voting members until they are able to serve on a retreat
 - Discussion is in progress about St. Mary's Clyde possibly joining; Gibsonburg was also approached, but they are currently looking at other options.
 - Someone from Bellevue inquired about attending the retreat, Fr. Kris said they are able to attend as long as they receive permission from their Pastor.
 - Discussion about growing more, and having more seed teams going to different parishes outside of the Fremont/Sandusky area.
 - Sandusky reached out to offer assistance with anything needed, they will receive information via FlockNote.
- Carolyn- will be reaching out for help for the weekend. Once main people are filled in, there is a goal date for sign-ups (hopefully 7-8 weeks in advance).
 - Dee Dee will be the MC

Finance Report: Denny Jenkins

- No activity since 5/1/23
- Current Balance- \$8,231.48
 - Womens- \$950
 - Mens- \$120
- Motion made to accept by Shelly, Seconded by Rick Branda, motion passed

ACTS Liaison Update: Paulene Steinberger

- Sandusky and Bowling Green men who are one team, their fees were paid by an anonymous donation
- The Pines have been contacted about the 2026 retreat, March or October
 - Spots are going to fill up due to St Francis not being able to be used

ACTS Chapter Updates: Jim Kettner

- ACTS Gala- February 27, 2025 in Toledo, same site as this year. They need a person from each parish to coordinate with for all tickets. All tickets will be paid to the parish, not to the Gala to eliminate confusion. Tickets are \$50 each (same price as last year).
- If anyone would like to be on Chapter, see Jim
 - Shelly expressed an interest in being on Chapter, information exchanged

Old Business



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- Soups to Share April 20, 2024 (Shelly Williams, DeeDee Foos, Becky Roy)
 - Will not be done again
- 3rd annual ACTS Reunion 2024, plus spouses (Sonya & Jill) Sunday, June 30, 2024 1:00pm
 - Went well, decent turn out, about 60 in attendance
- New Council Members - Yes Agreements (Denise and Jane)
 - Turned in at last meeting

Action Items / New Business

- New events / suggestions (Trivia and Music Bingo) - Is anyone interested in taking the lead
 - Another suggestion- Football game played on a projector in the parking lot, with a food truck, and possibly a beer tent. Something different hasn't been done. Focus on bringing people together, not raising funds. (Begin discussion after January 1st)
 - Need to discuss with parish office due to specific licensure needs
 - No admission charge, can sell side boards, 50/50, silent auctions, corn hole
- Prayer Ministry - How is it going
 - People are coming forward, but very slow when it's offered. Often, it is the same people.
- Angel Ministry
 - People really appreciate that someone comes to pray with them
- 2024 ACTS Council Retreat - Carolyn Nieset, Rick Branda and Steve Lagrou
 - September 15th, East Side Park (Hickory Shelter), after mass, 1:00-4:00
 - Bring a side
 - Meat trays and condiments provided
 - Agenda being worked on
 - Prayer and activities
 - Invitations to come

Calendar Event Updates:

- Prayer Ministry - September 21st / 22nd, October 19th / 20th, November 16th / 17th, December ?
- Men's ACTS Retreat November 7-10, 2024
- Women's Retreat July 31 - August 3, 2025
- **Next meeting September 24, 2024**

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

- **Opening Prayer** – Carolyn Nieset
- **Faith Sharing** – Dee Dee Foos
- **Closing Prayer** – Steve Lagrou

Executive Session: No recorded discussion



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Call for Meeting to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Denny Jenkins, seconded by Shelly Williams, motion passed

Closing Prayer – Denny Jenkins

Upcoming 2024 Council Meetings:

- September 24
- October 22
- November 26

Upcoming 2025 Council Meetings:

- January 28
- February 25
- March 25



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| Name | Council Term |
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| Shelly Williams | Sept 2020 - April 2025 |
| Jon Stawowy | March 2022 - April 2025 |
| Rebecca Roy | March 2022 - 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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