



Minutes for September 24, 2024
ACTS Council
Location: Sacred Heart 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Denise Graf

Liaisons: Paulene Steinberger, Jim Kettner

Guests:

Call meeting to order: 7:00 pm, by DeeDee Foos

Opening Prayer: Carolyn Nieset

Faith Sharing: Steve Lagrou

- Steve gave his opening talk from the ACTS Council Retreat
 - Talked about his faith journey
- Discussion ensued about first experiences with different retreats
- Discussion about ACTS Council Retreat

Acknowledge August Minutes: Jane Harper

- Minutes were viewed by 9 people (with 2 having a corrections)
- Motion made by Shelly, seconded by Carolyn, motion passed

Facilitator Discussion: None currently

Men's Retreat: November 7-10th 2024

- Having meetings Monday nights
- Talks being given throughout the meetings
- Need more participants
 - Talking with other parishes about more participation
 - Letting the Holy Spirit guide
 - Communication has been great
 - 3 total signed up so far
 - Last day to sign up is Oct 21st
 - Oct 22nd will be the absolute last day
- Sign-ups will be re-sent out sometime this week with updates
- Labels for letters will be printed out with the picture from the theme, along with bags for 'love letters'
- Bigger push at masses the weekend of 10/5 for more participation
 - Brian will be giving pulpit talks at all masses
 - Have people available that weekend to help field questions, wear ACTS shirts
 - Videos will be made to be shared on social media to get more information out
- Talked about ACTS shirts for the weekend, Jim is going to bring some to the next meeting



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- Team Retreat weekend of Oct 12th
- Nov. 24, Pentecost for ACTS, at Sacred Heart

Finance Report: Denny Jenkins

- No activity since 5/1/23
- Current Balance- \$8,231.48
 - Women's- \$950
 - Men's- \$100
- Payments for retreat are locked in cabinet
- Need to order more "Coming Down the Mountain" books
 - Set on Bibles and Rosaries (double check online inventory)
 - Check bracelet supply
 - Contact Carolyn if need be
- Motion made to accept by Rick, seconded by Shelly, motion passed

ACTS Liaison Update: Paulene Steinberger

- 2026 Men's Retreat
 - Email sent out asking for votes
 - Official vote was tied for March 12-15 and October 1-4
 - If March- Will have to start planning in December, is doable
 - March would be done before Easter
 - Trying out different times of year, making it not be back-to-back retreats
 - Need an official motion
 - Motion for Men's 2026 Retreat March 12-15, by Carolyn, seconded by Shelly, motion passes

ACTS Chapter Updates: Jim Kettner

- Missed last meeting
- Likes the way chapter is going, it is getting to be not just Toledo and everyone else, bringing in more people
 - Looking towards the future, there will be mission retreats for us to staff going east
- Prayer board needs to be sent to BG, it has already been sent to Sandusky
 - Reminder being sent to our group this week, then out to chapter the following week
 - Also making BG and Sandusky aware of Candlelight
- Possibly send out a card to teams as they are preparing for their weekends
- Shelly has paperwork to move into Chapter position

Old Business

- Prayer Ministry
 - 1 person at 8:00 mass, and 1 person at 11:00 mass on 9/21/24
- 2024 ACTS Council Retreat- Carolyn Nieset, Rick Branda, and Steve Lagrou
 - Bring journals to meetings
 - Can be used during Faith Sharing

Action Items / New Business



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- New events / suggestions- Are there any events we want to try and do for winter?
 - Wait until fall, not enough time to get it on the calendar
 - Early October to have enough time for Women's Retreat to be able to be successful without the activities overshadowing
 - Want to make sure there aren't conflicts
 - Depending on life, Jim will be point of contact for Fall activity
 - Activity does not have to be focused on ACTS, have it build a family atmosphere
 - Keep it as general as possible
 - The sooner a date can be planned, the better to get all necessary permits and vendors
 - Food trucks- Helps limit the amount of cooking needing, gives more options
 - Music to help draw more people in
 - Themes
 - Paulene will present it to the staff, to help get more ideas and see if we can incorporate them together
 - We have someone willing to take the lead, anything we can do together
 - Music concert- invite musical groups from different parishes to perform a few songs

Calendar Event Updates:

- Prayer Ministry - September 21st / 22nd, October 19th / 20th, November 16th / 17th, December 14th/15th(needs verified)
- Men's ACTS Retreat November 7-10, 2024
- Women's Retreat July 31 - August 3, 2025
 - Need Holy Bowl
 - Paulene will look at the dates needed
- **Next meeting October 22, 2024**

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

- **Opening Prayer** – Steve
- **Faith Sharing** – Shelly
- **Closing Prayer** – Vince

Executive Session: No recorded discussion

Call for Meeting to adjourn

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

Closing Prayer – DeeDee Foos



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Upcoming 2024 Council Meetings:

- October 22
- November 19 (tentative due to the 26th being right before Thanksgiving)

Upcoming 2025 Council Meetings:

- January 28
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22



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Council Responsibility	Council Member Name	Council Member Phone #	Council Member E-mail
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Retreat Supply Coordinator for Men's	Denise Graf	606-356-6447	Dhill.ssc@gmail.com
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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
Denny Jenkins	April 2024 - April 2027
Vince Branco	April 2024 - April 2027
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