St. Athanasius Pastoral Council
August 13, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Fr. David Beckman, Todd Rohlfsen, Lee Bader, Shawn Federspiel, Susie Sigwarth, Sue O'Loughlin, Vince Corkery, and Jeff Cook. Ex-Officio Members Present: Joe Steffen and Kelly Peyton. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. and Fr. Beckman led the council in prayer. Lee made the motion to approve the June minutes. Shawn seconded. Motion approved.

School Board: With the resignation of the 8th grade teacher, the school has rehired Pat Schloss for a PT position and Steve Farrell full time to cover PE and the 8th grade classes. The school recently had a fire inspection and their vans were also inspected. Cat 6 wire has been pulled through all of the classrooms to speed up WIFI reception. Iowa recently changed the law regarding 8th grade participation in high school sports. St. A's adopted the resolution to require St. A's 8th grade students to follow the school district's resolution depending on the school they are playing for (Jesup or Don Bosco). Mike Dewald contacted parents of three-year olds from the parish to invite them to consider St. A's pre-school program.

Finance: The proposed financial statement was provided. A review of last year's drop in advertising income was determined to be due to errors in billing. A new plan has been put into place to rectify the oversight for FY26/27. Discussion was held regarding the bulletin which included the costs of printing color, information missing in support of the Dunkerton community, and the possibility of going with a Pastorate bulletin. All agreed while the bulletin looks very, it has to be produced economically. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Building & Grounds: A new leak has been detected above the back stairwell between the school and the parish center. It is being monitored.

Pastor's Report: The Pastorate will be looking to fill two positions between September and January. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of priest rotations. Fr. Beckman said they will be working to stabilize the schedule and decrease some of the travel time and expenses. He hopes to have the Pastorate Councils begin meeting in September.

No other committee reports or bills were submitted for review.

Old Business:
Snow Removal – Lee and Shawn have drafted contracts and will work to get a couple of bids.
Choir – Todd will contact current funeral choir members to determine their interest in singing for weekend masses.
Bells – Todd, Dave Becker and Josh Becker have the bells working. Sue will review the instructions and work to have them operational before the end of the month.

New Business:
FY26/27 Budget – A proposed budget has been created. It will change when the two new Pastorate positions have been filled.
Donut Sunday – The next donut Sunday is scheduled for August 30.
Election – Fr. Beckman does not plan on replacing any current members until spring unless someone is unable to continue serving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with Father leading a final prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue O'Loughlin