

Seven Dolors Parish Council Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7pm

Held in the Seven Dolors Church Basement

Attendance: Logan Britton, Joe Wolf, Whitney Riley, Jeremy McGuire, Fr. Leo Blasi, Shannon Ruder, Hanna Coffman

The meeting opened with a prayer said by Fr. Leo Blasi.

Logan Britton, Parish Council president, discussed the change to the Parish Council meeting flow. He has requested committee reports be submitted via email to him 2 days before the meeting. He will then compile the reports, and the council can review beforehand or during the meeting, which will free up time for more open and timely discussion.

Whitney moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 2025 Parish Council, which was seconded by Brayson, and approved by all.

There was a brief update from the SDCW representative, Hanna, regarding SDCW purchases. These include a new corded Shark vacuum, which will be stored in the same closet as the cordless Dyson, and new vinyl lace tablecloths. Shannon also brought up a discussion about electronic payment options. She is working with the parish office to figure this out for the group. The SDCW report is attached and will become a permanent part of the meeting minutes once approved.

The Finance Council and Building & Grounds Committee reports are attached and will become a permanent part of the meeting minutes once approved. Joe motioned to approve all reports submitted, Shannon seconded the motion, and it was approved by all.

Jeremy McGuire, representative for the parish strategic planning team, discussed his work on the parish strategy and presented it to the Council. He provided a report, which is attached and will become a permanent part of the meeting minutes once approved. He discussed revitalizing the parish committees, those of which include: Faith Formation, Evangelization, Liturgy, Building and Grounds, Parish Life, and Social Action. These committees have been active in our parish in the past but have not been maintained in recent years. He has requested each committee provide him with the recommended key task assignments, which he has received from all, except for Parish Life and Faith Formation. These are due Friday, February 6. Jeremy will create an Evangelization template as there is no one involved at the moment. Questions were posed as to how the SDCW and ~~KQC~~ fit into the committees, and it was asked if they should be their own committee. Both

Jeremy and Fr. Leo iterated that they are each a separate entity, and that members of both groups comprise the members of the committees mentioned above, which is how we combine those groups together to best serve the parish. Jeremy noted that there will continue to be Parish Town Halls to answer questions from parishioners, and in the future, those will occur following the Parish Council meetings. The next Town Hall is scheduled for this Thursday, January 29, from 7-8:30pm in the Church basement.

Pastor updates: First, a review of the feasibility study is being held tomorrow, so no information regarding that is available to share at this meeting. There has been a large amount of participation so far. Second, Christmas is done, and Lent is coming up! Ash Wednesday is February 18 this year.

A question was posed whether there would be a dedicated day for a stewardship drive. Fr. Leo commented that there would likely be separate days or times for separate ministries, but nothing has been scheduled yet. More on that to come. Logan mentioned he needs to follow up with the staff about QR codes for the stewardship drive.

Discussion was held about revitalizing the Evangelization committee. Fr. Leo stated this group would play a major role in helping the Formations director, Carlos, bring people into the classes or retreats the parish currently offers. This would be anything our parish does to publicly show our Catholic understanding, whether it's through classes, seminars, or public action, such as the Budget Shop or radio station.

The Steier Group wants to brief the Parish Council, Finance Committee, and Building and Grounds Committee on their progress so far. This is tentatively scheduled for February 12, but the date still needs confirmed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 16 at 7pm, likely in the Church basement, but the location will be confirmed.

Fr. Leo closed with a prayer.