

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**  
**Council meeting minutes, March 22, 2026**

**Attendees:** Fr. Chris, Dennis Fall, Jake Fall, Jerry Kistner, Matt Cuper, and Steve Dzubay. Absent were Steve Fall, Jacob Fall and Paula McDaniels.

**Call to order** by President Dennis Fall at 12:05 pm with Fr. C leading "O Heavenly King".

**Minutes** from Feb. 8, 2026, meeting were approved on a motion by Jake Fall, seconded by Cuper.

Jake Fall presented an abbreviated **treasurer's report** in Jacob's absence. It was noted that a refund had been received from Plunkett's Pest Control, a recent parishioner contribution had been successfully received through Blackbaud Giving Fund, and a \$20,000 maturity payment from October 2024, had been received from Legion Capital. It was decided later, on a motion by Jake Fall, seconded by Dzubay, to invest the sum in a CD at Citizens at the best available rate. Motion by Kistner, seconded by Cuper, to accept the report.

There was no Sisterhood update, due to McDaniels' absence.

There was no Cemetery Committee update due to Steve Fall's absence.

**Fr. Chris reported:** Lenten services are going well, and are well-attended; he's been busy with confessions and spiritual direction for our parishioners, and onboarding for our inquirers; Luke Stebbins will be baptized on Palm Sunday, and we'll likely have a procession of Baptisms and Chrismations as 2026 progresses; a newcomer orientation will be held sometime after Pascha with Fr. C and Dennis Fall at a date yet to be determined.

As an aside, Fr. C noted that the 72 parishes within the Diocese of the Midwest currently have about 1,100 catechumens in-process. Parishioners can read more at <https://domoca.org/news/>.

**Old business,** service work on the **south entry doors** has yet to be completed. Jake Fall will follow-up with Indianhead Glass in coming days.

On the topic of **security issues**, Kistner reported that Church Mutual no longer offers consultations, instead, recommended a vendor they work with, or to consult local law enforcement. Jerry connected with Mike Judy, Director of Office of Emergency Management with the Barron County Sheriff's Department. Judy offered to visit the church and meet with the council. It was decided to invite him to the next meeting or when it's possible for him. Motion by Dennis Fall, seconded by Dzubay, to proceed.

**New business,** Fr. C asked whether the council would embrace cancelling the **rectory phone "land" line**. He said he's received one parish-related call in the past two months. Folks typically contact him via his cell phone. Both he and Jake Fall concurred that cell signals have improved significantly in the area in the past year or two. The cancellation would save about \$25/mo. He was encouraged to do so.

On the topic of **church crowding**, Fr. C. offered the possibility of removing the swinging doors between the vestibule and nave to allow overflow worshipers to gather there. A new swinging door could be placed between the vestibule and the desk area. General sentiment was it would be distracting for Fr. C as parishioners and children regularly enter and exit the choir loft, and the front doors. Dzubay floated the idea of removing two or more east-west pews from the front of the nave to accommodate worshipers who prefer to stand, and place folding chairs along the wall area there. Jake Fall suggested deploying folding chairs at ends of the north-south pews during portions of the service. There was no consensus or action taken. We'll continue to monitor the situation.

Kistner said Church Mutual would like an **appraisal on the church icons** to determine their replacement value. Fr. C will contact account manager Beth Kroeger to get more details.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> was set as a tentative date for **grounds clean-up**, weather permitting.

Kistner spoke of two "concerns" shared with him regarding money-counting practices and timing for a personal check to HTOC to clear the bank. No action was taken.

**Next meeting** was set for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm on a motion by Jake Fall, seconded by Cuper followed by singing of "It is Truly Meet."

*Steve Dzubay, secretary*