



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**PRESIDED BY** Thomas Rodriguez  
**OPENING PRAYER** Seymour Castro  
**Reflection:** Father Stephen

Monday February 23, 2026

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Review of Minutes**
  - Suzi asked that the St. Nicholas Fest date move. It was agreed that we'll put TBD for the date.
  - Motion to approve Linda Bratcher, and Seymour Castro seconded the motion to approve, all present approved

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Welcoming new parishioners**
  - Tom stated how can we welcome new parishioners? Some of the ideas: put something in the bulletin, something to help guide them to somebody, whether it's on the English side to Tom, or Lucky on the Spanish side, or some other means. Do we make a special QR code or do something that gives them good information that's not what we already have? How can we welcome our new parishioners? What can we do? We're open to ideas. Linda said: we had a once-a-month movies, or a little reception after one of the masses? Right now, we do everything on computer and Facebook. It's nice to have that in-person now. And it doesn't have to be every week.
  - Manning the Kiosk – Pastoral Council members will man the kiosk before and after mass. It will be covered in Gigi's meeting with the new Usher/Greeters/Hospitality members
- **Usher/Greeter leader – Gigi Tebbe**
  - Call for Volunteers – Bulletin and Facebook. Gigi stated that responses have been great and looking forward to the meeting.
  - Initial meeting February 26 at 6pm
- **Church lighting – Update**
  - Replacing bulbs. Jonathan replaced the bulbs along with help from the Knights
- **Church Security - Jean**
  - Life Safety Team: Jean introduced information regarding a new Emergency Action Plan that is being developed at Sacred Heart. It is in its infancy, and a Leadership Team is being formed
  - Fraud Prevention Seminar: The parish has invited a detective that works heavily in Fraud Prevention to come educate the parish on vulnerabilities and how to protect themselves and loved ones.
- **Nomination Committee**
  - Ben Hubbard has agreed to chair the Nomination Committee along with Sachie and Gigi.

## ON THE HORIZON

- Gathering nominees

## SUGGESTIONS-COMMENTS-QUESTIONS-FROM PARISHIONERS

- None



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## AROUND THE ROOM

- Scott reminded everyone about the Friday fish fries by the Knights
- Seminarian Gilbert reflected: Nothing other than keep spreading the good news of coming to Friday to listen to the talk before the stations of the cross. Response has been good. We had almost 70 people attending.
- Seymour asked if there was another way of giving during the offertory since most people don't carry cash or checks anymore. A discussion ensued about having a QR code in the bulletin.  
UPDATE: Jean notified the Council that it will be in the next bulletins.
- Father stated: Thank you all for being here and for serving, willing to serve.

## NEXT MEETING

- March 23, 2026 at 6 pm

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Deborah Freeman

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Thomas Rodriguez

### **ATTENDED:**

Father Stephen Pontzer	Seminarian Gilbert Mensah
Jean Woodman	Victor Talamantes
Thomas Rodriguez	Linda Bratcher
Suzi Aler	Scott Ostrow
Gigi Tebbe	Sachie Thorne
Seymour Castro	Ben Hubbard
Deborah Freeman	