

ST EUGENE PARISH

PASTORAL COUNCIL

2026-2027

Asheville, NC



LOCATION: Parish Hall

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Participants (P – Present; NP- Not Present)				
Rev. Sabastian (P)	Rev. Dr. Mike Zboyovski (P)	Rev. Dr. John Langlois (P)	Terry Ryan Chair, 6/27 (P)	Peter Olynick Vice Chair, 6/29 (NP)
Paula Kotz Secretary, 6/29) (P)	Ginny Raviotta 6/27 (P)	Noe Valdez 6/27 (P)	Dr. Daniel Frayne 6/27 (P)	Vanessa Garcia Hernandez 6/28) (P)
Betty Lynne Leary 6/28 (P)	Nathan Lawrence 6/28 (P)	Dr. Ellen Lawson 6/28 (P)	Mary Selby 6/29 (P)	Yazmin Maldonado 6/29 (NP)
Abel Melo-Hernandez 6/29 (P)	Jose Jimenez 6/29 (NP)	Todd Wilson 6/29 (NP)	Amy Arias-Cordova 6/29 (NP)	
Guest(s):				

- 1. Call to Order** – Terry Ryan. Overview of agenda and handouts (Opening Prayer Schedule, Commission reports, Pastoral Council Calendar, Council Roster) provided.
- 2. Opening Prayer & Reflection-** Mary Selby. Terry reviewed the Opening Prayer Schedule assignments.
- 3. Rollcall-** taken by Paula Kotz. Will add Amy Arias-Cordova to roster
- 4. Approval of Minutes-** July 9, 2026 minutes approved by motion x 2 and all agreed
- 5. Notes from Fr. Sabastian-** Two handouts provided: Our Vision/Mission Statement and Action Plans. Group discussed and reviewed the Vision, Mission and #5 action plan for charity. Vision and Mission statements approved by motion x 2 and all agreed. Group to review remainder of document and provide input via email to Terry and Ellen within two weeks of their email. This document is for further review and discussion at the next Council meeting. Briefly

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discussed the implementation plan which will include ministry leaders and input from parishioners.

6. Commission Report(s)- Buildings & Facilities: Nathan Lawrence provided an update:

- Diocese had a walk through of our campus to include church and school. Report should be provided by the end of the year.

- Columbarium- cinderblocks need repair

- Playground- Mulch needs to be replaced. This is of high priority and to be completed prior to new school year. Nathan volunteered to purchase supplies and will need parishioners to help with implementation.

- Air conditioning in the sanctuary is out of order. Electrician needed for repair.

Nathan to identify and form a new Buildings & Facilities Committee which will oversee these types of concerns, to meet quarterly. They will submit budget for each project.

Old Business:

- Charity Giving- discussion regarding 2nd collection vs. 10% of collection. Group voted and agreed to tithe 10% of a weekend collection per month to the following: (Please note that Dr. Daniel Frayne is an employee of ABCCM and therefore abstained from voting due to conflict of interest). Each tithe will be announced at mass and thank you's posted.

- ABCCM- August 2026
- St. Vincent de Paul- September 2026
- Angel Tree- October 2026
- Catholic Charities- November 2026
- St. Eugene Charitable Giving Ministry- December 2026

- Bi-lingual Mass- tabled

New Business:

- Council meeting dates 2026-2027- since some had conflicts on Monday nights, the council will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the social hall.

- Pastoral Council Calendar- handout given. Please review and suggest revisions

- Suggestion Box- Betty Lynne read each and assigned them as appropriate to: Deacon Mike, Terry, Amy, Paula, Mary, and Ginny.

Announcements and Open Forum for Parishioners to address the Council- there will be 15 minutes allotted at the end of each council meeting to address any concerns.

Update from Fr. Sebastian-

- Eucharistic Congress- at Charlotte Convention Center on September 12, 2026. Closing mass will be at 4 pm. Nathan will look into getting a bus for parishioners to would like to attend. Anticipate leaving at 6am and returning around 9pm

- New secretary has been hired- Maria Valentina. Starts August 3rd and will be attending staff retreat at Lake Junaluska August 5-6, 2026

- New meeting chairs have been purchased (60). There was a \$1400 donation for Father to spend as needed.

- Legion of Mary- would like to see implemented. Person needed to coordinate.

- Parish picnic- August 30th at Camp Rockmont from 1:30-5:30. All are invited and welcome. Bring your own lunch and a dessert to share. All further discussion was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2026 in the social hall.