



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ACTAS DE LAS REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO PASTORAL

Minutes

Chair: Buster Brown

Date: 6.24.2025

Location: Buster's home

Time: 6:00 pm

Additional Details:

Participants (P – Present; NP- Not Present)

Rev. Patrick Cahill (P)	Rev. Dr. Mike Zboyovski (P)	Rev. Dr. John Langlois ()	Buster Brown (Chair, 6/25) (P)	Abel Lomeli-Garcia (Vice Chair, 6/26) (P)
Laurie Zone-Smith PhD (Secretary, 6/26) (P)	Dr. Shawna Hoffert (6/25) (P)	Charles James PhD (6/25) (P)	Laura Morales (6/25) (NP)	Joe Stritch (6/26) (NP)
Michael MacCauley (6/26) (P)	Ginny Raviotta (6/27) (P)	Noe Valdez (6/27) (P)	Dr. Daniel Frayne (6/27) (P)	Terry Ryan (6/27) (P)

Guests: Maryellen Shepard Parish Life Coordinator (P); Amy Arias-Cordova Dir Religious Ed. (NP)

Discussion

- **Call to order** at 6:08 pm. Buster Brown
- **Opening Prayer** Father Pat
- **Welcome & Introductions** Buster Brown
- 5.27 Minutes Discussion Buster Brown
 - Minutes were approved by: Michael and second by Terry, approved.
- **Special Presentation:** Buster shared his message that we are a synodal church. Listening, dialogue and discernment of the faithful. Walks together with mission. Father Pat here for a 14-year run that has been fruitful. Father Pat shared the history of the synodal church. We are the church with our pastor. Welcome to our new Parish Council members who offered an introduction of themselves.
 - Vanessa Garcia Hernandez
 - Nathan Lawrence
 - Ellen Lawson
 - Betty Leary

6 Commissions

- **Buildings & Facilities** Joe Stritch
 - Chair is overseas. Buster offered overview: all new (23) HVAC units in place. Roof repair and planning for next steps for plant needs. Working with the school. Sanctuary on hold at this time based on 5-year plan. Joe will receive the golden hammer award in absentia.

- Education & Formation

Abel Lomeli-Garcia

- **Camp Hidden Lake Retreat** – 25 students signed up want 15 more to sign-up. Need another male chaperone. 3 female chaperones are attending. 7/14-19 week. Children's Bulletin going away was a false alarm.
- **Youth Minister** - Funding support approved at last meeting for part time youth minister directed to high school. Preparing JD then to post job and then interviews.

- Evangelization & Communications

Charles James

- New website is not up yet.

- Liturgy & Worship

Rev. Dr. Michael Zboyovski

- 13th week in ordinary time coming up.
- **OCIA:** One person in OCIA was able to virtually complete and Father Pat welcomed her into church at Pentecost. Example of bringing the prepared into the church at other times besides Easter-time. Only need to confirm a baptized catholic. Permission from bishop to confirm a catholic, but priest can confirm all other denominations. Doesn't have to be at Easter vigil, can do it at anytime.
- Chris Beale (Vicar of Education and Faith Formation) is serving on OCIA and on the commission. Will have some meetings in Charlotte to present programs to parishes of the diocese.
- Father Sebastian – met with staff yesterday and after he is settled in will discuss his desires for liturgical approach.
- Deacon Mike chairs the OCIA Commission for the diocese.

- Outreach (Ecumenism)

Ginny Raviotta

- **12 ministries**, Ginny helps to lead the bereavement ministry with funerals support groups and receptions. All ministries doing well and Ginny keeps in touch with each.

- Parish Life

MaryEllen Shepard

- **Parish Potlucks:** Great success with pot lucks mingles, interest to continue, next event in September. September 18th discussion was youth focused, Amy to present.
- **Farewell to Father Pat** - July 6-7 Father Pat's going away gathering. Dinner – need help to serve the BBQ meal. Between 9:15 and 11:30 help with sandwich making. MaryEllen will set up night before, food inside, and people outside on patio and tables set up. Care of creation ministry is ok with using paper plates/cups.
- **Ministry leaders** pot luck get together with all to meet Father Sebastian. Refocus on our vision and ministry groups and receive guidance from new priest. Hispanic and English attend together. End of August.

Old Business

Buster Brown

- St Eugene Capital Improvements Fund

Buster Brown

- Finance year ends Sunday. Year-end report at end of July. Thank you, Terry, for presenting at the parish pot luck the current finances and 5 year plan .

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- **Potential purchase of property** ½ acre green space between church and school. Market signs of distress now so would not over pay. May be a good time to buy. Potential opportunity to purchase land for future expansion and create green space between church and school. Pray and consider.
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New Business

Immigration

Abel Lomeli-Garcia

- **POA Clinic:** Abel talked with other council members. Father Pat approved POA clinic and Pisgah legal services can provide a clinic/workshop. Bring in lawyers to support. Coordinating with Hispanic group going to work to promote the POA clinic when date is determined. Group asked for letter of encouragement. Bishop's message of hope and solidarity and peace and concern and compassion. Father Pat will send a letter of encouragement to be a safe and that we are a welcoming place for all.
 - **Safety & Security Committee** will prepare a response for those asking for assistance.
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- **Pre-Lenten retreat** in February – Megan would like to come to meeting to promote a committee to create more retreats. Abel's wife will be part of it.
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- **Parish nominations** for chair, chair elect and secretary
 - Nomination for vice chair – Joe Stritch
 - Vice Chair – Abel Lomeli-Garcia
 - Secretary – Laurie Zone-Smith
 - Slate of officers voted upon and approved.
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Buster Brown

- **Thank you Gift- Father Pat** - Gift of a new Stolle with insert tag "St. Eugene Parish" for Father Pat from the Council was presented by Ginny Raviotta.
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From the Parish - Suggestion Box

Laurie Zone-Smith

- None.
 - Abel closed the meeting – recognition and thanks to Buster and those on the council.
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Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm

Buster Brown

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 20th @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall (3rd Wednesday of each month)

- Wednesday, September 17th
- Wednesday, October 15th
- Wednesday, November 19th
- Wednesday, December 17th – Christmas Gathering

If you have any questions or need additional information about the minutes, please reach out to a Parish Council member. Parish Council members' information is posted on the Pastoral Council bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.