

ST EUGENE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

2026-2027
Asheville, NC



LOCATION: Parish Hall

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 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) (P)
Paula Kotz (Secretary, 6/29) (P)	Ginny Raviotta 6/27 (P)	Noe Valdez (6/27) (NP)	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) (P)
Abel Melo-Hernandez (6/29) (P)	José Jimenez (6/29) (P)	Todd Wilson (6/29) (P)	Amy Arias-Cordova (6/29) (P)	
Guests:				

- 1. Call to Order** – Terry Ryan
- 2. Opening Prayer & Reflection-** Dr. Dan Frayne. Fr. Sebastian suggested to have the prayer before the reflection.
- 3. Rollcall-** done by Paula Kotz. Noe Valdez not present today.
- 4. Notes from Fr. Sebastian-**
 - Work on Mission/Vision/Action Plan continues. Need to finish ASAP. Need each member input. Three council members met with Father this morning (Terry, Ellen, Paula) to discuss revisions. All are invited to join the process. When revisions completed, the document will be emailed back to council members to review. Goal is to complete this process prior to Fr. leaving on September 17th.
- 5. Commission Report-** Deacon Mike gave update regarding Liturgy & Worship (attached).
 - Discussion regarding use of bells. Council members are encouraged to discuss issue with other parishioners, then form an opinion for vote at next council meeting (September 10th).
 - Blessing of columbarium-planned for on All Souls Day (Monday, November 2nd) after the 8:00 am mass
 - The Finance Council has approved the money needed to proceed with request to the Bishop to expand the columbaria.

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- St. Eugene has been asked to host a “listening session” regarding the international Rome gathering on September 1, 2026. Two sessions are planned: 3-5 pm, and 7-9 pm. Facilitators needed.

6. Old Business-

- Due to space conflict, Council meetings will now be on the 2nd Thursday of the month:

September 10, 2026	January 14, 2027
October 8, 2026	February 11, 2027
November 12, 2026	March 11, 2027
December 2026- TBA	April 8, 2027
	May 13, 2027
	June 10, 2027
- Approval of minutes- July 30, 2026 minutes approved by motion x 2 and all agreed
- Tithe- will be the 3rd weekend each month, 10% of collection will be sent to charities:

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

The council is asked to bring suggestions of other charities for tithe to the next meeting (Sept 10) for voting. We will then decide scheduling for January-June.

- Parish Picnic- Vanessa encouraged council participation, perhaps at a welcome table. Weekend announcement @ Mass: (Terry will write announcement prior in English):

5:30: Terry & Ellen
7:30: Yazmin & Vanessa (in Spanish)
9:15: Peter
11:30: Ginny (in English) and Dan (in Spanish)
Todd will send announcement to school families

- Commission Assignments- tabled until Sept 10

7. New Business-

- Parish Council Retreat- Fr. Would like the Council to participate in a retreat. Council members are asked to check schedules and vote at the next meeting on whether to have a retreat in December or February.
- Bilingual Mass- suggestions have been to discuss how to make the 11:30 mass more Bilingual. An established format is needed. Forwarded to Deacon Mike for Liturgy & Worship Committee. Tabled until October
- Suggestion to address the “chatter” in the church prior to Mass in order to have more reverence and sacred silence. Forwarded to Deacon Mike for Liturgy & Worship Committee. Tabled until October
- Suggest Finance Committee be invited to report to Parish Council. Terry will arrange

8. Suggestion Box- Betty Lynne read new suggestions and assigned members as appropriate. Follow up reports given by Ellen, Paula, Terry, Betty Lynne and Deacon Mike.

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- 9. Open forum for Parishioners to address the Council-** none. The last 15 minutes of each Council meeting is available for parishioners to address the Council.

10. Final Announcements:

- Tomorrow is first school mass of the year
- The Bishop will be in town on August 27th for the second time regarding the Diocesan Challenge. Prayers are needed for the success of this campaign. Additional volunteers are needed.
- Eucharistic Congress- Saturday, September 12th in Charlotte. St. Eugene will provide limited bus transportation with departure around 6am and estimated departure from Charlotte around 6pm.
- Fr. Sebastian will be out of town from September 17-October 1st

- 11. Adjournment:** @ 7:40 pm with closing prayer. **Next meeting will be September 10, 2026.** Ginny will give the reflection and we will have Commission reports by Amy for Education & Formation. Vanessa and Betty Lynne will report for Evangelization & Communication.