



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

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Parish Council Meeting

May 15, 2025

MINUTES

Attendees:

Fr. David Micheal
Ed Strickland
Linda Quandt
Leticia Corral

Jim Crandal
Marie Fromherz
Russ Fromherz
Susan Kehoe

Melissa Johnston
Jeff Lofy
Kristin Mareno
Dave Patula

Zara Rolle

I. OPENING PRAYER - Fr. David

II. Minutes for the March 20, 2025 meeting - not yet transcribed. Will be provided for review upon receipt.

III. PASTOR'S REPORT, Fr. David

- The Parish Mission was well attended and many positive comments were received. A comment was made that many parishioners were never exposed to a healing service. We will have other parish missions in the future.
- Pizza with Padre - Held the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next Pizza with Padre will be on June 10.
- Stewardship - Hospitality will be provided by the ministries after all of the weekend Masses. A calendar will be posted showing the available weekend Masses to sign up for. Some of the Masses have already been reserved by Dr. Dave (after the 8am Masses on the 1st & 4th Sundays) and the Knights of Columbus in June, July & Aug. We will also open up the weekends for local businesses who advertise in the bulletin at their own expense. Religious Education would like to reserve a weekend before school starts in August. The parish will reimburse the ministries for what is spent for hospitality. We want to encourage fellowship after Mass in order to become a more active parish.
- The rosary is being prayed before Masses.
- Strategic planning is ongoing.
- The September pilgrimage to Eastern Europe has been cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.
- Fr. David suggested having a party to welcome the new members to the parish during 2022-2025. This would give them the opportunity to learn about the ministries. Because of the construction to begin in the bathrooms and gym as soon as school lets out, a barbecue outside was suggested by Kristin. The Back-to-School BBQ will take place before school starts on 8/19 but it was agreed that the welcome BBQ should be a separate event. This will be finalized in June.
- Fr. David would like to recognize the kids from the parish who will be graduating. There has always been a baccalaureate Mass and reception for them in the past, but it may already be too late to organize it this year. If not this year, then we will make it a point to do it next year.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Connor will be leaving his job at St. Albert's and will begin working for the diocese.
- CSA campaign 2025 - no update
- Grant Projects - no update
- Business Administrator job opening - 3 people were interviewed today.

V. FINANCE REPORT - General Financial Updates, Jim Crandal

- Jim reported that they met with the corporate board regarding the school bathroom project. We are currently \$16,000 short of the goal of \$253,000.
- Jim asked if the contract with High 5 Construction has been signed. Fr. David is the person who should sign it. Susan will ask Danielle to contact Jim regarding this.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Ed Strickland

- A calendar will be posted to schedule ministries for weekend hospitality after all Masses.
- Ed asked each ministry to submit digital information and pictures about their ministry to be used for a parish PowerPoint presentation. The video unit that the Knights ordered needed a WiFi address which they could not get to work and the unit was returned. They will look into getting what the school uses in their reception area - a Smart TV with USB.
- The student basketball free-throw competition is complete. The scores have been sent to the state council. The district winners will receive a medallion on Monday, May 19, at 8:30. The state winners will be awarded at a later date.

- The last Knights' breakfast until the Fall was held on Mother's Day. Special recognition was given to their long-term breakfast chef, Howard, who passed away on April 3.
- 290 Mother's Day cards were given out after all the Masses on Mother's Day.
- The 8th grade class was given a check from the Knights for their Point Bonita trip.
- The Building & Grounds Committee has had two meetings. They have been doing walk-arounds and surveying the property to determine what work needs to be done. Ed will advise them to check in with the office when they are on site to avoid suspicion.

VII. PARISH LIFE & CDC, Kristin Mareno / Zara Rolle

- The Parish Family Camp-Out will be on July 25-27. There is a QR code in the bulletin and on the poster in the narthex to sign up.
- The Fall Festival will take place sometime in September and will be organized together with the school.
- Christmas Around the World is also being planned for December.

VIII. MINISTRY REPORTS

A. LATINO, Leti Corral

- Maria has been added to serve on the Finance Committee.
- Bible classes are held at 6:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.
- Leti will be attending the Region 13 Hispanic Ministry training next week.
- Leti asked Fr David if there will be a special bilingual Mass on Pentecost, usually held at the Saturday 6pm Mass. Father agreed.
- Reminder that Fr. Felix's sacerdotal anniversary is in July.

B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Dave Patula

- 'This Man is You' - This year's session is complete. It will be back in the Fall. Meetings are held at 6am on Wednesdays.
- The Knights will host the Special Olympics BBQ lunch at Reno HS on May 17. They are expecting 180 special olympians.
- The KofC state meeting was held the weekend of May 10-11.
- The Knights are in the process of making a donation to the school bathroom project.
- The Knights' annual picnic will be on Aug. 2 at Rancho San Rafael.

C. YOUNG ADULTS - Melissa Johnston

- Participation in the St. Albert's young adult program has been light. Melissa thinks that we are competing with the Newman Center programs.
- Mike Kelly is helping with Bible study on May 14 & 28 at 6:30pm.
- A fellowship event is planned for every month. They are having a bocce ball outing on May 23.

D. SCOUTING, Russ Fromherz

- A high school High Adventure group is being discussed with Mike.
- The scouts will be placing flags at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery on Memorial Day.
- The Eagle project to refurbish the rose garden has been completed. It was sponsored by Marian LaVoy.
- An Eagle project is in discussion for a rosary garden in an area across from Clayton MS.
- Separate summer camps are planned for K-5th and 6th-12th grade scouts.

E. SCHOOL, Susan Kehoe

- The 8th grade valedictorian this year is Chloe Struby.
- The Knights have chosen one 8th grade boy and girl for a \$3,000 scholarship each to go to Manogue HS. A suggestion was made to make smaller scholarships available to other deserving St. Albert students going to other high schools.
- The Knights will also be giving a citizenship award.
- There are 286 students enrolled for next year. There is a waiting list for some grades.
- The school drafted a new mission statement: "Rooted in our Catholic faith...."
- The 8th grade trip to Point Bonita was great. They spent 3 days/2 nights there and took in other interesting sites.

F. PTO, Susan Kehoe (reporting for Danielle Pourchot)

- They are hoping that the bathroom project will start on June 9. The asbestos abatement will be done first. The Boy Scouts will have to meet outside until the work is complete.
- Danielle has been in discussions with the builder and with Western Nevada Supply.
- Fun fact: The gala raked in \$8,000 apiece to have two separate dinners with Fr. David.

G. ST. AL'S GALS, no update

H. LEGION OF MARY, Linda Quandt

- Home visits continue to bring the Our Lady of Fatima image to homes to encourage the praying of the rosary.
- First Saturdays are a parish Mass sponsored by the Legion of Mary. The scriptural rosary is at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am. Hospitality after this Mass was started a few months ago to encourage parishioners to attend.

Attendance is still light. More awareness is needed of the special graces that can be obtained by attending 5 consecutive 1st Saturdays. A bulletin notice for next month will give more details.

- The LOM led the Divine Mercy Novena at 3pm in the church from Good Friday to Easter Sunday.
- The LOM held their annual consecration ceremony to the Blessed Mother after 1st Saturday Mass on May 3.
- LOM members led the children's May crowning and flower offering after all Masses on May 3-4.

I. OCIA

- Members had a pot luck last week.

J. BEREAVEMENT, no update

K. YOUTH / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Melissa Johnston

- May 18 - First Communion with reception after Mass in the gym; June 7 - Confirmation at the 4PM Mass.
- They are working to keep youth ministry students in the loop after confirmation. This month they will be having a movie night in the gym to watch the Carlo Acutis movie.

L. SECURITY MINISTRY, Jeff Lofy

- 40 people signed up after Jeff's presentation after all the Masses last month. 8 people attended the 4.5 - 5 hour hands-on First Aid/CPR training on May 13.
- There is still a question as to whether the volunteers need to carry insurance. He will invite an insurance expert to our next meeting to give us a better understanding of the need for insurance.
- In the event of a medical emergency, it is recommended that the AED and First Aid Kit are both taken to the site of the emergency. Therefore, he asked that the First Aid Kit in the sacristy be mounted underneath the AED. Les will be asked to do the installation.
- Security will be provided for the First Communions.

M. DIOCESE - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

- All volunteers must have Virtus training (see Elda).

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 5:30 pm.