



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

1250 Wyoming Ave, Reno, NV 89503



775.747.0722



stalbertreno.org

Parish Council Meeting

June 19, 2025

MINUTES

Attendees:

Fr. David Micheal
Melissa Azul
Ed Strickland
Carla Mischel

Linda Quandt
Leticia Corral
Jim Crandal
Marie Fromherz

Russ Fromherz
Jeff Lofy
Kristin Mareno
Dave Patula

Danielle Pourchot
Marta Sandoval

I. OPENING PRAYER - Fr. David

II. Minutes for the May 15, 2025 meeting - Jeff motioned to approve; Dave seconded. All approved.

III. PASTOR'S REPORT, Fr. David

- Hallow App presentation via Zoom. Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer app in the world that includes meditations, daily prayers, music, Bible stories and much more. An overview of the site was presented and information was given to purchase a parish partnership that would make the app available to parishioners. Because we were unable to adjust the volume on the TV, it was difficult to hear the presenter and get all of the details. Fr. David will get back in touch with the presenter to request written materials that we can go over at a later time. Jeff said that there is a diocese app that has many of the same features that Hallow has and that it is free. More discussion and research is needed.
- Pizza with Padre is on summer break and will resume on Sept. 9.
- Stewardship will coincide with hospitality after all of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. A July calendar was passed around for ministries to sign up. The Knights of Columbus have signed up for the 2nd Sundays of the month after the 8am & 10am Masses in June, July & Aug. We will also open up the weekends for local businesses who advertise in the bulletin at their own expense.
- The rosary continues to be prayed before Masses.
- Strategic planning is ongoing. See Ed's report on the Building & Grounds committee below.
- June 22 - A Corpus Christi procession will take place around the campus after the 10am Mass. The Knights will carry the canopy over Fr. David carrying the monstrance.
- June 29 - Parish farewell potluck for Fr. Felix after the 10am Mass. All parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share. Fr. Felix was assigned to St. Theresa of Avila Parish in Carson City effective July 1.
- July 13 - Welcome reception for Fr. Lucio. He comes from Little Flower Parish and will start at St. Albert's on July 1. The Knights were asked to sponsor the reception after the 8am & 10am Masses. Fr. David requested breakfast burritos.
- July 18 - Volunteer Recognition Dinner following 5:30 Mass. Invitations will be sent out.
- Welcoming event for new parishioners will be planned for October. It will be for those who joined the parish within the last 5 years and would be a good opportunity to bring them into the ministries.
- Father would like to have a parish picnic. Danielle and Kristin will be planning the annual Fall Festival which they feel has become a combined parish and community event.
- Fr. David announced that Nina resigned from the Liturgy ministry and will only be leading the music.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT, Melissa Azul

- CSA campaign 2025 - We are currently at about \$70,000 (our goal is \$107,000)
- Grant Projects - We have FEMA approval for all three grant applications. Pictures need to be sent of the parish, CDC and school projects. The work needs to be done in two years for reimbursement but can be extended due to the delay in getting the approval. We will have to finance the projects and the reimbursements will come in 30-60 days.

V. FINANCE REPORT - General Financial Updates, Jim Crandal

- The Finance committee met on Tuesday and approved the budgets for the parish, school and CDC. We are currently in the black. Budgets will be set up for preventive maintenance, general maintenance, and capital improvement.
- Revenue generation is of utmost importance. Mass attendees will be counted starting in July to better forecast revenue.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Ed Strickland

- A calendar for July was passed around to schedule ministries for weekend hospitality after all Masses. We will also open it up to bulletin advertisers.
- They are still looking into a system where ministry information and pictures could be in a PowerPoint presentation shown up on a screen placed in the narthex of the church. Ed asked each ministry to submit digital information and pictures. Pictures of events should also be sent to Carla for the parish website.
- The Building & Grounds Committee met last night. They have inspected all of the parish, school and CDC buildings and estimate that \$2 million will be needed for repairs and modifications over the next 10 years. A roofing company gave a presentation after doing a walk-through of the buildings..
- Election of Officers - According to the bylaws, new council members and elected officers should take office at the first meeting in July. Ed (president), Carla (vice-president), and Linda (sec'y) have already served two terms and are not eligible to continue as officers. Members are asked to give Fr. David their personal referrals and he will be making an announcement after Masses asking for volunteers from the parish.

VII. PARISH LIFE & CDC, Kristin Mareno

- The Parish Family Camp-Out will be on July 25-27. She will be providing hospitality at the 4pm Mass to promote the event.
- The Fall Festival will take place on Sept. 13 and will be organized with the school. It is always well-attended.
- Christmas Around the World is planned for December. No date has been set yet.

VIII. MINISTRY REPORTS

A. LATINO, Leti Corral

- Bible classes are held at 6:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.
- The Spanish Mass attendance has been up.
- Leti attended the one week Region 13 Hispanic Conference. It was great.

B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Dave Patula

- There were six state winners of the basketball free-throw competition. Their trophies will be handed out in September.
- The Knights hosted the Special Olympics BBQ lunch at Reno HS on May 17. They served hamburgers and hot dogs to 150 people.
- The Knights will be providing hospitality after the 8am & 10am Masses on the second Sundays in June, July & August.
- The Knights held an election of new officers. Marty McDavitt was elected their new Grand Knight.
- The Knights' finance committee is still considering the making of a donation for the school bathroom project.
- The Knights' annual picnic will be on Aug. 2 at Rancho San Rafael.
- The Knights presented a check to Susan Kehoe for the 8th grade assistance at the Knights' breakfasts this past school year.

C. YOUNG ADULTS - Mike Kelly / Melissa Johnston are in recess.

- Fr. David reported that 91 kids were confirmed this month.

D. SCOUTING, Russ Fromherz

- The Eagle project to refurbish the rose garden has been completed. It was sponsored by Marian LaVoy.
- A presentation was made today by an Eagle Scout about his plans for a rosary garden in the area across from Clayton MS.
- Nick's fencing project around the CDC received the Eagle Court of Honor.
- Thirty scouts will be attending a summer camp on the Russian River the first week in July.

E. SCHOOL, Danielle Pourchot reported for Susan Kehoe

- The school has shifted part-time and full-time teachers and aides around so that they will not need to hire new faculty for the upcoming school year.
- They currently have a waiting list for multiple classes.

F. PTO, Danielle Pourchot

- 8th grade families will be required to participate in the Knights' breakfasts next school year.
- The Fun Run (Viking Run) will be held on Sept. 27. This event generates money for the 8th gr. Point Bonita trip.
- The Fall Festival will be held on Sept. 13. They will have the food trucks back again this year. The food trucks give a % of their proceeds back to us.
- The bathroom project has started and demolition has taken place. Western Nevada Supply has been generous. They are hoping that the work will be completed a few weeks before school starts.
- Danielle continues to reach out to foundations and private funders to help fund the project. Any money that they receive over and above what is needed for the bathroom project will go to the parish building and grounds projects.
- Plans are being made to sand and re-seal the pavers on the playground. The 8th grade would like to install a dedication bench on the grounds.
- They are still waiting for the final invoice from the Silver Legacy and will then finalize the numbers for the Gala.

- Danielle would like to get feedback from people who attended the Gala this year. The date for next year's event will then be set.

G. ST. AL'S GALS, Carla Mischel

- Members met in June at the arboretum and prayed the rosary. Three new ladies attended. A presentation was given by someone who went on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje.
- July 14 - Ice cream social at 6:30pm in the garden area. Everyone is invited.
- Aug. 11 - Miniature golf in Sparks.

H. LEGION OF MARY, Linda Quandt

- Their mission is to bring devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary to the parish.
- Home visits bring the Our Lady of Fatima image to homes to encourage the praying of the rosary.
- First Saturday Mass and devotions is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. Hospitality is provided after Mass.
- Provided fresh flowers in church during May, the month of Mary.
- Provided hospitality and ministry recruiting after the 8am Mass last Sunday, They are signed up to do hospitality after the 10am Mass on July 20 and plan to do the same at a different Mass each month.

I. OCIA, Karen McClenahan / Michael Pham on recess

J. BEREAVEMENT, Linda Quandt reported for Ruth Longcore

- Ruth has new volunteers who go on visits, support recent mourners by sending cards and prayers, and attend & assist at funerals.
- They meet monthly to check in with each other and discuss topics of interest.
- A committee is anxious to meet with Fr. David to prepare for All Souls' Day which falls on a Sunday this year.

K. YOUTH / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Melissa Johnston / Mike Kelly

- Fr. David will be visiting with Melissa and Mike on Tues, June 24.

L. SECURITY MINISTRY, Jeff Lofy

- Jeff submitted his Security Ministry Report dated June 7, 2025. Included:
 1. There was one medical incident that happened during the Confirmation Mass in the parking lot. 9-1-1 was called and the person was taken away by ambulance.
 2. The church was overcrowded for the Confirmation Mass. People were standing along the walls, blocking fire exits and aisles. Per the Reno Fire Department, once the seats are full, standing along the walls, aisles and near exits is forbidden and could result in large fines, closure of the church and other penalties.
 3. To keep the church cool, Jeff suggests that the AC temperature in the church be set two degrees below the set temperature of 72 degrees at least 30 minutes before the start of Mass or other function.

M. DIOCESE - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

- Virtus sign-ups are ongoing. All volunteers must have Virtus training (see Elda).

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 5:30 pm.