

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda and
Minutes
September 9, 2024, 7:00 PM
Mary of Magdala Chapel**



“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy, that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries, reach out with active concern to those in need.”

2024/2025 Goal: *“Work with Commissions, Staff, and parishioners, in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to implement actions surrounding the two focus areas of the strategic 3-5 year plan.”*

(1. More vibrant mass. 2. Attract more young families and involve more youth)

In attendance: Jeff Olson, Tammy Hernke, Bill Gaynor, Sheri Youngs, Patrick Young, Greg Goss, Adam Olig, Steve Grieb, Joan Plumley
Absent: Nic Zepnick, Ryan Goss, Dcn. Sandy Sites

Welcome

1. Opening prayer: Adam
2. August minutes: August minutes approved by consensus via email
3. Parish director report (15 min): Deacon Sandy was not in attendance, PC commented on
 - Corn Roast 2025
 - Great! Fun, 8 people from St. Martin de Porres, mingling, dancing
4. Finance Council update (15 min): Adam

Marge gave a DAS report. We’re in the black for the first month this fiscal year; may be attributed to some folks making an annual contribution. Oct. stewardship letter will include a request for a \$10 contribution increase. External audit is in progress, should be completed by end of Sept. The onsite review is being done in mid-Sept. Full report is to be completed by the end of Sept. Tammy said she thinks that once the report is released it should go to Marge and Sandy and then to Finance Council, and then to Pastoral Council. Greg said the actual report would not be published; the parish would be given the findings. Grant request for Eschweiler New Century Fund from Bryan Ramsey for diaconal studies. Love

One Another Funds; there will be a meeting about how to use the parish funds. Possible uses: outreach, water project in Ellacuria, technology upgrades in Daniels Hall, worship space, financial security, Other costly expenditures are coming: the baptismal font, kitchen floor, narthex and carport roof due for a replacement, HVAC needs work. Committee reports; Marge gave Building and Grounds report, she would like B&G to meet with Personnel, Stewardship with Finance 1 or 2x a year. B&G are looking for 2 new members. A safety plan is in place and a 5-year facility plan. We need to get quotes for HVAC, baptismal font, narthex roof projects. Eschweiler New Century Fund is supposed to have a quarterly meeting. Tim Nolan would like to have a sub-committee for that. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal is in process for the upcoming appeal. Sandy wants to get a sub-committee going for the Stewardship Appeal process, 2-3 people. The Appeal will take place between Oct. 16 – Nov. 17. Chris Brennan, financial advisor from Stifle, will give us an investment review. A vice chair is needed for Finance Council. Marge will be going ahead with electronic bill pay.

5. Council items (30 min)

- We could receive emails from Galilee U from the Archdiocese, let Tammy know.
- Eucharistic Revival Resources: Tammy
- Technology update: Tammy
 - Google Drive, some Council members tested system, majority will not need edit rights, viewing rights, Joan will do a test, we will need two licenses for editing.
- Strategic planning: Nic was not in attendance so didn't discuss.
 - Reference deck, [Strategic planning power point.pptx](#)
- Town hall discussion: All
 - What is the purpose of the town hall?
 - Discussion around possible changes to the Town Hall meeting.
 - Sandy thinks it would good to have a separate town hall for finance, possibly in fall, reported by a member of Finance Council.

- PC would do a separate town hall for other parish activities.
- Date considerations – March 30 is our only option.

6. Commissions update (15 min): liaisons provide update

- Christian Formation: Bill, Joan

Workcampers review, GOF 164 registered as of Aug. 14, Bible study Thur. A.M. The Chosen, Date Your Make, In the Spotlight: finalizing speakers, first one Oct. 20, mini-retreat Mike Crain date tbd, spiritual book club Wed. Joan invited Council members to an event on Oct. 5 called “Respectful Dialogue: Listening and Learning Together”, 4:30 P.M. Mass, 5:40 P.M. simple supper, 6:15-8:15 P.M. program. It is an opportunity to have guided conversations about issues facing our nation in a non-partisan, non-persuasive setting informed by our Church leaders. This is an event of the Racial Justice Ministry.

- Human Concerns: Jeff and Steven
 - See minutes
- Prayer and Worship: Patrick and Ryan
 - No meeting since June
- Stewardship: Sheri,
 - They are looking for new members, promoting online giving

7. Council housekeeping (10 min):

- Pre-Mass: September 14/15, Greg Sept. 14, Sheri Sept. 15
- October pickup/drop-off of Patrick – Steve, Bill Nov.
- Suggested agenda items for next month – Town Hall discussion
- October opening prayer leader – Bill
- New agenda format was approved
- Next meeting: October 7, 7:00 pm Mary of Magdala Chapel

8. Important dates

- Saturday, October 19, 8:30AM to 12:00PM: Parish Councils Congress at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center
- Monday, October 21, 6:30PM: Deanery Meeting at St. Joseph

9. Closing prayer: Patrick