

Good Shepherd Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: August 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Father Zac Povis, Jan Buttner, Craig Luetkemeyer, Brett VanLoo, Chris Auchly, Denise Rossiter

- Father Zac opened the meeting with a prayer.
- This meeting was a follow-up to the meeting we had on July 16, 2026. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend that evening due to a schedule conflict. Typically, he will send out an agenda prior to our meeting.
- The goal of the Parish Council is to assist Father Zac in determining how we can invite more parishioners to get involved in the Mission of the parish (worship, evangelization, service), as well as to gather feedback from them.
- The second session of Alpha is starting on September 16th at Our Lady Catholic School.
 - Alpha is not a replacement for OCIA, but rather a tool to evangelize.
 - The Alpha videos focus on broad subjects such as life, meaning and God.
 - Each week the participants arrive and connect with each other, share a meal together, watch a video and then have a conversation about it.
 - The first session was held at Good Shepherd. 60 - 65 people attended.
 - The program will run for 8 weeks at Our Lady 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM on Wednesday evenings, in conjunction with their PSR classes.
 - Inviting people to experience Alpha and then consider using it as a tool in their homes/elsewhere to evangelize
- “Stewardship Sunday” will be at the end of September.
 - Father Zac will be inviting people to get involved with parish activities and participate in pastorate volunteer opportunities.
 - We discussed the Spiritual Gifts Inventory that Father Zac had asked the Parish Council members to complete.
 - Invite people to take a spiritual approach: pray about how they can engage the Mission more completely. Spiritual Gifts Inventory as a possible tool.
- Volunteers are needed in several areas.
 - Denise stated that Good Shepherd is in desperate need of usher/greeters at 4:00 PM mass on Saturday evenings.
 - 8:30 AM mass on Sunday mornings needs more choir participants.
 - We will need volunteers for the chicken dinner on Sunday, October 11.
 - What is the best way to get the word out and get significantly more parishioners actively involved?

- Craig recently met a new Good Shepherd parishioner couple. They expressed disappointment that they had not yet received a call welcoming them to Good Shepherd.
- Pastorate Parish Picnic
 - Will be held at St. Pius X Catholic High School's grounds on June 19, 2027, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM.
 - The original vision was to have carnival rides, but most companies do not want to book one day only events. The one company that was agreeable to do it is already booked. We will keep them in mind for future picnics.
 - Activities will include music all day, variety of games and inflatables, laser tag, and potentially cornhole.
 - Mass will be held at 4:00 PM.
 - "Taste of Jeffco" – local wineries, breweries, restaurants will be invited to attend the picnic to showcase their wines by offering tasting and purchasing them from 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM.
 - A couple from the pastorate has offered to spearhead the event, but having several volunteers from the pastorate will be critical to the success of the picnic.
- Brett suggested having a "bow shoot" event at Good Shepherd in the Spring of 2027
 - He will take the lead on determining how to move forward with this effort.
- Father Zac provided an update on moving forward with our lease agreement with Trailblazer School of Discovery and Design (microschool).
 - They will be signing a one-year lease agreement. We want to make sure the arrangement is a good fit for us, as well as them.
 - The program is geared for children in kindergarten through ninth grade.
 - They will use four of our classrooms, and have access to shared storerooms, as well as the cafeteria. They meet 4 times a week.
 - Trailblazer model is similar to Montessori. It is virtue based, but not religious affiliated.
 - They have been around since 2022, and their program is growing. Their goal is to have 60-70 children.
- OCIA will be moving out of St. Joe House and into one of the school classrooms.
 - St. Joe House is getting too expensive to heat and cool. The immediate plan is to winterize it until we can determine the best way to utilize the house and grounds going forward.
- Fall Clean-up
 - We will need to take out the barb wire fence and remove the brush behind the old bus garage.

- Parish Improvements
 - The second 5-ton AC unit is going to be replaced. The first one has already been replaced.
 - Paving and striping the parking lot, as well as the recent concrete work was part of the Diocese grant money.
 - Remodeling the cafeteria kitchen is not out of the question but is on the back burner for now.
 - The handicap ramp needs to be replaced. Ideally it needs to be reconfigured, but our options for doing that are limited.
 - The idea of building a pavilion is not out of the question. We advised Father Zac that we had discussed it at our previous meeting and concluded it was a great idea. Our thought was that the pavilion would be equipped with a grill and utilized for various parish events, including the possibility of renting it out to parishioners along with or separate from renting out the cafeteria. Building near the cafeteria will be a challenge because of power lines.
 - Father Zac discussed the efforts underway to livestream Mass each Sunday in the cafeteria utilizing the projector and sound system. Doing so would allow families with children who become a little fussy to go there and still be able to participate in celebrating Mass. This may also come in handy on days when we have a large overflow of parishioners, such as Good Friday, Easter, Christmas, etc.
- Jessica Mayer has stepped down from her role as Ignite Youth Minister. Her last night will be August 23rd.
 - Going forward, Father Zac would like for the youth group to meet at all three campuses on a rotating basis.
 - Regularly-scheduled, Sunday night Life Nights will be suspended until a new youth minister is hired.
 - Fr Zac is working with the Core Team to schedule youth gatherings for September and October – likely one Sunday night each month.
- The next Pastorate Parish Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 1st at 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd. We determined that time conflicts with the Hillsboro Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary meetings that night. Given that, Father stated the possibility of the meeting starting at 5:00 PM.
- Our meeting was closed with the Our Father.