

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda
August 4, 2025, 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)

Meeting attendees:	_x_ Adam	_Ex_ Jeff	_x_ Patrick	_x_ Sandy
	x Bill	_x_ Jenny	_Ex_ Ryan	_x_ Dan
	x Cathy	_x_ Joan		_x_ Greg

Agenda	Minutes allotted	Notes
1. Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome: Adam b. Opening prayer: Adam c. June minutes approved via email 	5	
2. Council discussion: All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mission statement review to set our vision for the coming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Do we see a need to change or update it? b. 2024/2025 Goal Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Goals were set in 2021, do we want to update goals? Based on Strategic planning Reference deck, Strategic planning power point.pptx ii. How can we tell if/when we have “accomplished” the 2 current stated goals? c. Set Goal(s) for 2025/2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Set in discussion in meeting or form sub-committee to review and set new goals? 	20	a. There was a brief discussion on the Mission Statement. A subcommittee was formed to work on it. b. Goals: We are in year 5 of our goals. Patrick proposed having a Diversity Committee as one of our goals, no decision was made. We will get more data from Bryan to determine if our goals have been met. Sandy said he thinks it would be a good idea to have a parish survey to help set our next goals. Other questions that came out of this discussion: What is the criteria for the text to be shown on the screen for the 1 st and 2 nd Scripture readings at weekend

<p>d. Town Hall meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The parish Finance Council meeting dates are Nov. 1-2. ii. Sunday, Feb. 1 or Sunday, March 1 are dates set aside by the office as dates that they have cleared Daniels Hall schedule for use 		<p>Masses?</p> <p>Do parents who are members of a parish without a Catholic school pay the same or a higher tuition rates as those parents who belong to parishes with a Catholic school?</p> <p>The Finance Council will determine if one or two dates are needed for the parish Finance Council meeting, Nov. 1 or 2nd or both.</p> <p>It was decided that the parish Town Hall meeting will take place on Sunday, March 1.</p>
<p>3. Parish director report: Deacon Sandy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trending b. Pastoral Council Retreat c. Where we stand in selection of next Pastor d. Individual and group picture in Church with Lannon stone wall backdrop e. Request from parishioner for Pastoral Council page on website f. Councils Commissioning and Blessing on weekend of September 13/14 g. Questions for Sandy... 	<p>20</p>	<p>a. Mass attendance continues to go up.</p> <p>b. The PC retreat will be just for the Council and Sandy, not staff. It will most likely take place on a Saturday morning. It is in the planning stages.</p> <p>c. Archbishop Grob and Benda Cline will participate in the process of selecting a new pastor at GS with input from parishioners.</p> <p>d. Photos of the PC members were taken after the meeting in front of the stone wall for the website.</p> <p>e. There is now a Pastoral Council tab on the parish website.</p> <p>f. The PC Commissioning and Blessing will take place on Sept. 13-14.</p> <p>g. There will be a Pallium Lecture on Sept. 4 at the Brookfield Conference Center at 6:00 P.M.(7:00 P.M. general public) Bishop Flores of Brownsville TX will present.</p>
<p>4. Finance Council update: Greg</p>	<p>15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End of year financials were good; we had a positive year. Details will be coming out at the November Finance Town Hall meeting. 2. Gifts that enabled this included the ramp, kitchen, and Daniels Hall AV changes that are coming up. 3. Parish is financially stable. E.g. our reserves and ENC have increased.

		This was possible because of you, our parishioners, strong financial support.
<p>5. Commissions update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Human concerns: Cathy b. Christian Formation: Joan and Bill c. Stewardship: Patrick d. Prayer and Worship: Ryan and Jenny 	20	<p>a. Human Concerns: Carrie Scholz, from the Cathedral Center Ministry, came to the meeting. This group provides a meal on the first Sunday of the month for the homeless women and children. Two people from Ellacuria are planning to visit in Oct. and are awaiting visas. The MF Food Pantry was glad that two new volunteers stepped forward from GS.</p> <p>b. Christian Formation Commission: No meeting in June or July. Matthew 25 local workcamp and Catholic Heart Workcamp were very positive experiences which benefited both the recipients and volunteers.</p> <p>c. Stewardship: This commission did not meet during June or July. Patrick reported that more members are needed.</p> <p>d. Prayer and Worship: They did not meet in June or July.</p>
<p>6. Council housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daniels Hall mailboxes for PC members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. GS office staff request: Does each member need a separate mailbox, or would 1 box for all PC work b. Volunteers for Pre-mass: August 16/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sat: ii. Sun: c. Suggested agenda items for next month d. September opening prayer leader e. Next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. First Monday of Sep is Labor Day ii. Can we change to Monday, September 8, 7:00 pm, Mary of Magdala Chapel? Please 	10	<p>a. There is now one mailbox for PC members in Daniels Hall.</p> <p>b. Pre-Mass volunteers (see action items)</p> <p>c. Parish Mission Statement</p> <p>d. tbd</p> <p>e. Our next PC meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 P.M. chapel</p>

<p>check against other scheduled Commission meetings...</p> <p>iii. Or another date needed...</p>		
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		Person(s) Responsible
Subcommittee on Mission Statement		Jenny, Sandy, Bill, Joan, Jenny leads
Pre-Mass		Aug.16 Cathy, Aug. 17 Bill
Transportation for Patrick		Bill for Sept. 8
Ask Bryan about parish data and text on screen for readings.		Joan
Ask CF staff to answer question about Catholic school tuition for non-parishioners.		Sandy