

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6:00 PM
Good Shepherd Parish Conference Room

OPENING:

Mykeal Wigger called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Fr. Zach opened with a prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Etienne, Fr. Zach
Williams, Anne Marie

Bragin, Al
Wigger, Mykeal
Blanchard, Taylor
Shafer, Cheryl
Ubelhor, David
Freyberger, Greg
Kropfl, Natalie

Guest:

Brett Wilkey

Absent:

Norman, Diane
Deacon Dan DeCastra
Ice, Sarah

Fr. Zach opened with a prayer. Members recited the mission statement together.

Our parish consists of Good Shepherd Catholic Church & School. The Catholic Community of Good Shepherd strives to live Christ's word daily by our commitment to worship, stewardship, faith formation, Catholic schools, family, and social outreach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REVIEW AGENDA

Minutes for the March meeting were unanimously approved.
(In January the group met for dinner and a social gathering.)

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Finance Updates

Father gave an update on the financials for the capital campaign.

\$5,416,138 has been pledged.

\$3,088,472 has been received.

\$2,328,195 pending

55% in pledges received.

Preparations are being made to move little Rams into the new building. It is nearly finished.

Several improvements for current classrooms are planned for this summer.

The back parking lot will be resurfaced.

The week of June 9, the trailers will be shipped back to Indy.

School Council

School Council is in the midst of some decisions for next year. Father will defer to their report once this process is complete. They were not able to meet this month.

Teacher contracts have been signed.

The science position is still open.

The talent show was this morning. Tomorrow is the last day of school, so there are many activities. High school graduating students visited this morning.

Good Shepherd was featured on a *Good Morning, America* segment about thanking teachers at the end of the year. Abbey Klipsch submitted the video of our GSCS students giving thank you notes and hugs to our teachers.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign – See the financial report above

The construction project office will be cleaned, carpeted, and vacated.

Summer Social

- Ken spoke at Masses this weekend. Some council members have picked responsibilities and this is appreciated.
- We still are in desperate need for chair positions.
- Only about 30% of volunteer spots are filled.
- Many packets have not been picked up.
- Mass attendance is around 44% or less.
- Messages are being sent to various groups asking for help.
- Ride bands are for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

We are in the process of converting the old data base to Flock Notes. This was directed by the diocese. We are the first trial wave. There are many unknowns, so patience is needed. There is still a great deal to learn, and the diocese is providing training. The data has not been converted, and this makes the training difficult. Communication may be a little rough through this process.

Cheryl is working on the parish library. This work on this will increase after the summer social.

Mykeal asked if council members have thoughts about what our priorities should be for the next few months/this year.

With the data conversion, this is probably not the time to begin signing parishioners up for ministries. Therefore, we will postpone the ministry fair.

Once data is downloaded, Fr. Zach will develop a message to the parish updating them on the change and expectations for the next few months as the new communication tools are launched.

Father is noticing some new faces in church on Sundays.

Perhaps a break would be nice after the busy year with construction.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Input/questions from Council Members

Air conditioning – Can it be adjusted not to be blowing down on people? Check with Brian.

Sound system is amazing, but loud.

Procedures for distribution of Communion have been adjusted.

Bingo is now back in the Parish Hall on the first Sunday of the month. The downstairs office will be utilized for a school resource officer. Bingo will use the upstairs office only.

Bingo attendance averages about 180-200. More volunteers are still needed. The change to an earlier time has impacted volunteers, but the earlier time is positive for players.

The Back-to-School bash will be on August 2. This overlaps with the monthly Bingo. Logistics need to be reviewed and possibly adjusted.

PASTOR REMARKS

- Three of our servers will be going to training camp this summer
- Mission Co-op weekend is August 22-23. A priest from the Archdiocese of Imphal will be visiting.
- Ordinations – We got very good feedback from others about the church.
- Confirmation for next year has been scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on April 18, 2027 – this year's 6th and 7th graders will be confirmed at that time.
- Punch list for the school improvements will be done tomorrow.
- Vacation for Father is scheduled in the middle of June.
- Father has no help until August ordinations. He hopes to know sometime in June if he will get help.
- With new ordinations anticipated, new vestments have been ordered for the priest and deacons.
- Fr. Zach will no longer have to be moderator for All Saints. More time is involved with work for the Indiana State Police. The EPD has been making many requests.

DEBRIEF

The next meeting will be July 15, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord, we are so thankful for all the blessings you bestow in our lives. We thank you for all that was accomplished in this meeting. We appreciate all the gifts that we each bring to our church community. Continue to be our light as we grow in our daily walk with you. Let us never forget that we do all things for your glory. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Williams, Recording Secretary