

Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	August 26, 2024 6:30 PM
Meeting Location	OLR Rosary Hall
Members Present/Absent	Present: Father Sebastian, Ann Kolb, Esperanza Rincon, John Lombardi, Patricia Farner, Orla Kelly-Rajan, Kathi McLendon, Jim Mach, Maryzabel Hernandez, Kevin Bertelsen Absent: Donaciano Corona, Zusana Herrera, Brandon Shriver
Guests/Other Members	George Olmoz
Meeting Presider	Kevin Bertelsen

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Father Sabastian	
Scripture Reading/Sharing	Kevin Bertelsen: Transfiguration of Jesus/Matthew 17: 1-8	
Roll Call	10 members were present.	
Pastor's Opening Remarks	Father reminded members that they needed to listen to the hearts of OLR's families and parishioners to help the Council make good decisions.	
Approval of minutes		Pat Farner moved and Orla Kelly-Rajan seconded approval of the minutes. The motion passed.
Additions to the agenda	No additions or changes were made.	
Business of the day: Commissioning of the Pastoral Council and presentation of the plan	Father explained that the Pastoral Council needed to be commissioned during an upcoming Sunday Mass. He also recommended that the Council members be present at all of the masses, if possible, when the chair/officers present the pastoral plan to the parishioners.	Kevin Bertelsen moved and John Lombardi seconded a motion to hold the commissioning ceremony at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, October 6. The motion passed. The following schedule was approved for the presentation of the pastoral plan to the parishioners: 5:00 PM Mass – October 12 9:00 AM Mass – October 13 11:30 AM Mass – October 20 1:00 PM Mass – October 20
Pastoral Council Action Plan Sub-Committee	Ann Kolb presented a summary of the 2024-2025 Pastoral Council Goals and Action Plan. <i>One Community in Christ: Una Comunidad en Cristo</i> was selected as the theme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three areas of need were identified: greater sense of community, community outreach, and improved communication. A long-term goal and four measurable goals were developed to address those needs. Each of the four goals had a series of proposed activities to carry out the action plan. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan concluded with the identification of potential obstacles and plans to overcome those obstacles. (See attached copy of Goals and Action Plan for specifics.) <p>Father thanked the committee for their thorough work and stated that we would need to be steadfast to make sure that the goals and activities were addressed. He suggested that we focus on one main goal for presentation to the parishioners – the first goal of “providing increased opportunities for parishioners to engage and interact with each other in a welcoming, safe and inviting environment.” Discussion was held on whether the plan was for a one-year or three-year period. Father clarified that it was a one-year plan.</p>	<p>Father, Orla Kelly-Rajan, Ann, Kolb, and Kathi McLendon will meet on September 11 to discuss options for presenting the unity goal to parishioners to ensure a cohesive approach.</p>
<p>Business of the Day: Follow-up from last meeting</p>	<p>Kevin Bertelsen contacted the Charlotte Diocese to see if the diocese had uniform guidelines on church safety and security. He was told that it was up to each parish to develop its own.</p> <p>Kevin is reviewing a series of safety and security handouts and information that evidently the church had explored several years ago to determine next steps.</p> <p>Jim Mach reported that the Knights of Columbus when asked if they could provide a member at the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation classes suggested that perhaps the parents could be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Pat Farner conducted research on groups addressing homelessness in the Lexington area, including the Human Relations Commission, an appointed board. She also reported that Hope Ministries has raised \$4.5 million for the construction of a new facility for homeless men, women, and families. The complex will be located at 9th Street and Robbins. In Davidson County, 12.3% of the population face serious housing issues. She noted that brochures were available in the Rosary Hall information stand on local community assistance services for those in need.</p>	<p>Kevin will follow-up with the Davidson County Sheriff’s Office and Lexington Police Department to discuss safety concerns. He will ask if they could park a patrol car at the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>Kevin will also check with the utility company if street lighting appears to be inadequate at the Parish Center.</p>
<p>Recognition of commissions and groups</p>	<p>Liturgy and Worship: Orla Kelly-Rajan reported that the bus for the Eucharistic Congress on August 31 is full. She also stated that they hope to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) with a dinner celebration on October 5. The Ladies’ Guild has been asked to chair the event. Pat recommended that we have a public rosary on October 7 in front of Mary’s statue in front of the church. A special Mass may be held on October 7 as well.</p> <p>Grounds: George Olmoz reported that the door in the men’s restroom has been fixed as well as the faucet in the Rosary Hall kitchen. He stated that some kneelers were in need of repair. Leakages in two rooms in the Parish Center also need addressed.</p>	<p>Orla will send Kevin a list of the parish’s commissions, groups, and contact people so that the appropriate leaders can be invited to the meetings.</p>

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	Finance: Orla reported that Brandon will be providing a financial report at all of the Masses on September 1.	
Other business	Pumpkin Patch: John Lombardi reported that the church will be holding the Pumpkin Patch again this year on October 12 – 31 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm each day. The church will receive a more manageable number of pumpkins this year -- about 1/3 the number of pumpkins received last year. Jimmy Wooten is providing a banner to advertise the sale ahead of time. A press release will also appear in the Lexington Dispatch. John is locating additional pallets this year to keep the pumpkins off of the ground.	Assistance is needed on Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 to help set up the decorations for the sale. The pumpkins will arrive on Friday, October 11 at 5:00 pm. The Youth Group will assist in unloading the truck. Other assistance would be appreciated.
Announcements	Pastoral Council members were encouraged to attend the Hispanic Festival on September 15. Esperanza Rincon noted that they will have food, music, raffles, and three queens as they celebrate their 35 th anniversary at OLR.	
Next meeting date	Monday, September 30 6:30 PM	
Closing prayer	Father Sabastian	
Meeting adjourned at:	Kathi McLendon moved and Jim Mach seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 7:40 PM	
Minutes submitted by:	Kathi McLendon	