

Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
Pastoral Council Meeting

RECTORY
Monday, March 9, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Mary Ann Arnold; Carlos Marrero, Timothy Pepler; Marion Johnson; Virginia Padilla
Ex-Officio: Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey; Wanda Castellano;
Absent: Dolly Garzón; Lynn Dubreuil; Mary Somers; Kenneth Welch, Nachaly Moreira;
Deacon Joe Rivera; Deacon Angel Perez

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. with a prayer lead by Fr. Dailey.

Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2026

Mary Ann moved to accept the minutes of February 16th, seconded by Timothy. All in favor.

Review Upcoming of Cathedral Activities/Liturgies:

- Holy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m., Adoration will follow until midnight.
- Good Friday:
 - 12 noon – Mary's Way of the Cross
 - 3:00 p.m. – Service with Holy Communion, and Veneration of the Cross
 - 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae
- Holy Saturday: The Great Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. There will be many people coming into the church during the Great Easter Vigil Mass. We will have eight (8) baptisms.

Lenten Programs

Mark Dupont will advertise to the parishes all of our Lenten Season Programs. The Movie Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximillian Kolbe will be shown, Holy Monday at 7pm in the Bishop Marshall Center.

Religious Education

The Brown Scapular Mass went well.

Latino Ministry

No report.

Black Catholic Apostolate

The Juneteenth and annual Pig Roast events will be celebrated in June. The Annual Pig Roast will take place on Saturday, June 27th.

Take & Eat Ministry

No report.

Safety and Security Committee Meeting

Timothy submitted an incident report after a young child who had attended the CYO Mass was left all by himself in hallway awaiting to be picked-up. The group had a reception in the BMC after the Mass. The

young child was still waiting at 8:30 p.m. The doors to the Bishop Marshall Center and the Cathedral were unlocked. Timothy conducted a walk-through to secure the building. All parties have been informed.

OLD BUSINESS

Cathedral Parish Food Pantry

Mateus is willing to open on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., maybe even a Tuesday evening 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. We need to decide on when to start. We need to check expiration dates and make sure all items are non-perishable. The food is good to consume within one year of expiration the date.

Pocketbook Bingo

We are looking to start in the fall. The Bishop Marshall Center may accommodate 100 persons max. Timothy will send an email to LV Headquarters, Gucci, and Prada for our Handbag Bingo.

24 Hours of Mercy

We will set up a board with dates and time slot for sign-ups. There will be police presence in the parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Audio System

A new audio system will be installed in the Cathedral. The work will start soon in the TV studio and the church. The cost will be around \$65,000 and will be covered by the diocese.

Electrical/Lighting System – Cathedral

The electric work for the new lighting system has been completed by Collins Electric. The expense will be around \$8,000.00. All lights have been checked and are operational.

Three Kings

The Cathedral has no Three Kings as part of the Fontanini Nativity Set. We are looking a purchasing a set which is about \$16,5000. PJ Tally will get them for the Cathedral. We are seeking donations.

Summer Picnic – August 2nd

We need to start by getting the committee together and start planning this year's picnic. We will invite members to a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th. We should check with Lynn for notes on last year's picnic.

Concerns/Questions/Thoughts/ Items for Discussion

There are concerns about the main door to the Bishop Marshall Center. The vertical rod or bar gets jammed. The entire system may have to be replaced. Perhaps changing the mechanism and installing a lock with a code.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.