

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2026 5:30pm-7:00pm**

Present

Fr Jhonnatan Carmona
Orla Cook (Secretary)
Fred DeLay
Sherie Dodsworth
Alondra Klemek (Chair)
Daryl Lyon
Lonnie Trykowski

Listeners

Sarah Cook
John Flynn

Absent

Trini Resendiz
Whitney Robare (Vice-Chair)
Kyle McKay

Introductory prayer led by Fr Jhonnatan.

Welcoming new council member Fred DeLay to the meeting, and present council member introductions so all acquainted.

Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting are approved by the council.

Agenda Items

Suggested to make a formal agenda eight days before the meeting so that the members are more prepared about the topics to cover at the meeting.

Feedback from the Holy Week

Feedback on the Evaluation of Elijah by Fr Steve Payne. The talk was interesting and those who did attend liked it, however attendance was low due to difficulties in promoting the talk.

Feedback on the Frames

Positive feedback on the new frame designs, with them now blending more into the wall. Council members like the frames and have heard positive comments from other parishioners about the change.

Bingo Update

Bingo taking place this weekend with the bingo set donated by a fellow parishioner with sixty-two sets of cards to use. Lasagna was purchased for the buffet for people to enjoy before bingo. Setting up at 10am, with high school volunteers helping out. Doors open at 2:30pm, bingo begins at 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Funds to be raised with \$35 a ticket, offering wine and beer for additional encouraged donations and extra cards available for sale, approximately \$150 spent on the lasagna.

Social Committee

Members propose a Social Committee to be created for the parish that focuses on organizing community centered events that aren't solely fundraisers. This is a way to not only bring people into the church but to reaffirm the connections with fellow parishioners.

Ideas for events:

- Bible study mixing with older and younger parishioners.
- Feast Day 2nd Sunday of July (July 12, 2026) BBQ.
- New Parishioners party in September

Fred recommends Thomas Keating mediation which is aimed at younger people as a way to bring kids into the church.

Next Meeting: May 28 2026, 5:30pm-7:00pm