

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – [February 13th, 2024]

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill; Deacon Mike Zboyovski; Rick Lober (Chair, 6/24); Buster Brown (Vice-Chair, 6/25); Shawna Hoffert (Sec, 6/25); Jesus Gamez (6/24); James Greene (6/24); Pat Irmen (6/24); Charles James (6/25); Ed Korte (6/24); Abel Lomeli-Garcia (6/26); Michael MacCauley (6/26); Laura Morales (6/25); Joe Stritch (6/26); Laurie Zone-Smith (6/26)

EXCUSED: Dcn John Langlois

GUESTS: Mary Selby, Mary Ellen Shepherd

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- Meeting in social hall was called to order at 6:34p and an opening prayer was said by Fr Pat.
 - January Minutes were approved (taken by Laurie, typed by Rick); moved by James, 2nd by Ed
 - Update on Synod – Mary Selby [team includes Joan Tolley, Karen Cavanini, Rudy Torico, (Jean Devani had to quit)]; meet every other week; Mary also serves on the Charlotte Diocesan team.
 - Diocesan Level: team/Dr Orvati and bishop met, and some kind of broader discussion groups will begin. Won't go back to parish level, but we can still raise issues to Diocesan level.
 - Overall target is to raise awareness in the parish of what is occurring; implementing more of the synodial goals
 - Quick implementation items: hope to start after Easter
 - Update on Parish Dinner Grp – Peter Olynick (by proxy through Rick)
 - Rick read email from Peter; 60+ participated in first group/30 in second group; concerns with holidays being too busy
 - March ends second session – Apr to Sept would be the next season; wanted suggestions to broaden participation, especially among Hispanic population
 - Suggestions: Is it well known among congregation what the dinner groups are for? (Joe); Perhaps stick with one season that is best attended (Buster); Pulpit announcements at each mass for several weeks right before sign up (Michael); Perhaps the language issue means we need to divide into Spanish/English language groups (James); Nighttime vision is an issue, so seniors may be limited for dinner-time events (Ed); Maybe target right after Easter so they can announce through Lenten season (Joe)
 - Easter Vigil Mass – Fr Pat
 - 7:30pm vigil Ash Wednesday Mass last year was really full, so Fr Pat is interested to see how tomorrow's Ash Wednesday will be attended
 - 27 RCIA initiates (many fewer than last year's 50)
 - Sunday morning will have just 9am and 1130am and be in English; Friday and Saturday will be all bilingual Masses
 - Ed requested that any readings that are printed be written in BOTH Spanish and English (missalettes are bilingual)
 - Two species of communion also beginning again on Holy Thursday
 - Initial Parish Commission Appointments – Rick
 - Parish "Activities" vs "Ministries"; defined by Rick and Mary Ellen in consultation with Fr Pat
 - "Ministry" – include all three aspects of: service to the church, being faith-based (spiritual), and social aspect – greater time commitment
 - "Activity" – less of a time commitment;
 - Mary Ellen wanted to change her title to Parish Life Coordinator (rather than minister)
 - Laurie asked where Parish Life Coordinator position falls (staff; works for pastor) whereas all commissions report to Fr Pat
 - Joe requested to work with Bill Maloney on building facilities
 - Dcn John with Education Commission
 - Dcn Mike with Liturgical Commission; handed out some possible guides for commission

- Rick asked other parish council members to continue to discern if called to a commission leadership position
- REMINDER: 40hrs of Devotion sign-up (9pm Feb 14th – 5pm Feb 16th); in Sanctuary
- Suggestion Box – none this month
- New Business or Upcoming Events
 - Option of hospitality ministers/youth/lectors passing out bulletins physically before/at end of Mass; concern of bulletins being left in pews if handed out before; Mass settings are already printed in the bulletin for use during Mass
- Closing Prayer was said by Fr Pat and meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.
- Next meeting: Will be on March 20th at 7:30p, room to be announced.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Shawna Hoffert. *If you have any questions or need additional information about anything on the minutes, please reach out to a Parish Council member. All Parish Council members' information is posted on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.*