

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – January 16, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Deacon Mike, Deacon John, Rick Lober (Chair, 6/24) James Greene (6/24); Pat Irmén (6/24); Charles James (6/25); Abel Lomeli-Garcia (6/26);; Joe Stritch (6/26); Laurie Zone-Smith (6/26)

NOT PRESENT: Father Pat; Buster Brown (Vice-Chair, 6/25); Shawna Hoffert (Sec, 6/25); Jesus Gamez (6/24); Laura Morales (6/25) Ed Korte (6/24); Michael MacCauley (6/26)

GUESTS: Mary Selby, Alan Wyatt, Bill Maloney

Minutes taken by Laurie Zone-Smith and typed by Rick Lober

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- Due to his absence and per the By'Laws, Fr. Pat delegated his role to Deacon Mike.
 - Meeting in KOC conference room was called to order at 6:35pm with an opening prayer by Deacon Mike.
 - December Minutes were approved; Motion to approve with one edit by Deacon Mike, seconded by Joe Stritch. Motion passed.
 - In response to a question, Rick advised that Fr. Pat and the Deacons would be responsible for the Mass Intercessions.
 - SYNOD UPDATE: Mary Selby provided an update regarding the Vatican Synod which occurred in Rome at St. Paul VI Audience Hall. 364 persons, including both Bishops and Laity were present and all had voting privileges. As a result of the several weeks gathering, a Letter of the Synod was sent to all Bishops. Such a letter has not yet been distributed to our diocesan parishes. Additionally, a Synod Synthesis Report was sent to the bishops. Bishops were asked to take the current period to hold diocesan level listening sessions with guiding questions provided by the Synod report. Our diocesan listening session is scheduled for January 24th. All diocesan responses are due back by April 8, 2024. Mary advised that the parish Synod Team has expanded and is still trying to attract both Hispanic and youth members. HANDOUTS provided.
 - 40-HOURS of DEVOTION: Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00pm through Friday, February 16th at 5:00pm. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Sanctuary. Alan Wyatt provided the council with an explanation of how our parish had previously conducted the Devotion. Alan is preparing approximately 40 hours of prayers in both English and Spanish and there will be a sign-up sheet for parishioners who will conduct the prayers of the hour. He also encouraged attendance by all parishioners during this solemn period. The Council suggested that announcements be made both at Mass and in the bulletin. Rick encouraged all Council members to sign up for at least one hour and will send an email to non-present Council members.
 - SANCTUARY UPDATE: Joe Stritch provided the update and advised that the committee has expanded and includes Buster Brown, Joe, Michael McCauley, Julieth Duarte, Karen Brown, Ellen Lawson, Nathan Lawrence and Erica Umbert. Some committee members met with Fr. Pat to get his preliminary opinion on the areas of focus. Fr. Pat generally was positive about the committee's direction and mentioned a possible budget of approximately \$200,000. The Focus Areas were 1) Stained glass windows; 2) Brick wall

painting; 3) Altar Furniture refurbishment; 4) Pew refurbishment; 5) Added seating; 6) Wood flooring of Altar; 7) Sanctuary floors; and 8) Ceiling. HANDOUTS provided. Council members also discussed updating the Tabernacle and Sanctuary lighting. The Parish Council was pleased and supportive of the committee's efforts to date. The committee advised there were additional meetings to be held with one contractor to obtain general costs for such a project.

- COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: Rick had asked council members to review materials regarding the role of commissions which work with ministries within their purview of responsibility. There are approximately 70 parish ministries and/or activities. There are 6 Commissions which would be responsible for oversight and assistance to the ministries. There was discussion regarding the role of the commissions and the council's relationship with them and the ministries of the parish. Several council members sought further clarification and Rick will send all the information available to council members for further review, questions, etc. Some council members offered to serve on a specific commission, but the item was tabled for members to further review the documents.
- RETURN of BOTH SPECIES: Rick advised that, per Fr. Pat, Communion with both HOST and PRECIOUS BLOOD will begin on Holy Thursday, March 28th at 7:30pm Mass. Rick also advised that he is planning to conduct 3 training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers since we have not offered both species in approximately 4 years. Fr. Pat, Deacon Mike and Deacon John will review the new procedures for Eucharistic Ministers.
- SUGGESTION BOX: Only 1 – Coffee & Donuts
- NEW BUSINESS: None
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm
- CLOSING PRAYER: Deacon Mike & Deacon John