

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Ashley Torres, Karen Bradley, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero, Pat Irmen, Rick Lober, Nancy Maldonado, Mechelle Kobar

EXCUSED: Raul Cervantes, Carl Dobson

GUESTS: Joel & Rita Anderson

- Meeting was called to order at 5:32p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- July Minutes were approved.
- Fr. Pat updated the group with the plaza project. The project will cost approximately \$400K. Jane Mathews is the architect. Lynn asks about fundraising – Fr. Pat says we will discuss in the future however donations would be welcomed. It's a tough time to fundraise. Mail in donations might be ideal but with no event, it will be tricky. Rick suggests video appeal followed by marketing campaign. Lynn suggests legacy bricks. Fr. Pat says Labyrinth patio paver idea must involve Jane because she is designing it. Will follow up with this conversation in the future. Fr. Pat says the daily Mass could be held in the plaza, along with weddings and other events. Could seat up to 40-50 people. Fr. Pat confirms we have \$200K in funds, as of now. The council approves to move forward with this project.
- Fr. Pat gave update on new home possibility for the rectory. It's a 3-bedroom, 3 full bath house closer to the church. The current rectory on Lakeshore Drive should be sold first. Chris Amy is the finance chair and has been in communication about the church buying the house. If we were to keep the current rectory, it would need ~\$120K in renovations. The new house is located in a senior living community, but the HOA president says if it is a nonprofit purchase and the home will have no children, it would be perfectly fine for church to purchase it. If the finance committee is on board, we could sell the rectory for \$450K. Fr. Pat is seeking Parish Council support. All agreed it is a great idea.
- Fr. Pat reports on Asheville Catholic School (ACS) – 6 classroom building addition is in full swing. The superintendent pushed back the start date by 2 weeks. ACS families are given the option to attend face-to-face or virtual classes. Currently, 10-12 families have decided to do virtual. Also, Tracy Jedd and Fr. Pat decided to do CCD all virtual this year. Confirmation is Nov 22. There will be three Wednesday evening sessions in the church as well as live stream. It is not required to come but strongly recommended. This also goes for 1st reconciliation. 1st day of school for Asheville Catholic is September 8.
- Rick reported on Hospitality Ministry and Mass. Since Mass has started in-person numbers of attendees at each Mass are as follows: 5:30 mas 55-60. Hispanic Mass- 75; 9:30 am Mass- 75. Largest group was last Sunday (147) for 9:00 Mass. Hispanic is at capacity. Rick reports the need for more hospitality members because of growing numbers. He also feels we may be getting to a point where complacency is sitting in. Things are starting to loosen up. Exiting the church seems to be the biggest problem. Not having enough hospitality ministers to help and guide the way. Other churches require signups. We have no one watching the social hall because we don't have enough people. Needing more of a stable schedule of hospitality ministers. Needs to be fixed sooner than later. Lynn asks what is the current process for sign-up and assignments? Mechelle currently coordinates the schedule. Nancy suggests re-training. Rick agrees another relaunch of solicitation should be in order. Fr. Pat suggests Knights of Columbus to step in as ushers. Fr. Pat says targets September 13 to bring back the 11:30 am Mass. We need at least 5 people to clean everything after every Mass. Sabine adds should we turn away if at capacity? Rick suggests at the end of Mass it be announced the proper procedure for leaving. Also adds that the Cantor makes the announcement. Rachel is going to start organizing cantors in August. Hoping to have the whole choir back in January. Rick also wants a call for additional volunteers and training.
- Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Mike says there are a number of requests for communion for people that are home bound. Several parishioners need to reach out to people who are home bound. Wants to

get an idea of inventory on pyx and wants to see how many we need to order. Fr. Pat said we have at least 20 out there. Deacon passed out waivers from the Diocese for traveling eucharistic ministers and participants. Diocese requires both parties to sign waivers, if they want to participate in off-site communion. When we have the waivers, we will work it by zip code. Guidelines and protocols will be put together in the next few days.

- Joel and Rita Anderson gave the report from Care of Creation. Updated the mission. Rita is looking for a coordinator for the Friendship Garden—someone who will coordinate volunteers for its care. Put notice in bulletin. Angel Garden is designated for people who lost an infant or miscarriage. There is a spot you can put the ashes of your baby. There will be an announcement in the bulletin about that. Katherine Bryon has been growing vegetables with the help of the 6th grade class. She takes the produce to Catholic charities on Wednesday. Hoping for fall crop to distribute. Joel reminded everyone that the 2-week in delay in school is a 2-week delay on the 6th graders' assistance. Next month we will come up with a recycling idea for the parish. For those interested, webinar tomorrow night by Greenworks on recycling plastics at 7p. This October 28 we celebrate our 5th Anniversary of paying for and turning on 147 Solar Panels. With the virus and donations down, Solar is a constant source of income – over \$6,000 per year - writing checks to the Parish every day the sun shines. At our next meeting Bill Maloney will give an update on Solar, Geothermal, HVAC, and Lighting.
- Deliz updated about Hispanic community. Look also for her email report. The spread of COVID-19 is getting significantly worse among the Hispanic community. Sabine reported that Tricia Hynes and Antonio Garcia created a virtual job board. All you have to do is contact solidarityse@gmail.com. This site lists needs, cleaning, etc. and requests gets sent to Antonio for coordinating. Fr. Pat says it's like Friends Helping Friends Board.
- Security Situation – main thing of security is keeping people separated and wearing masks. Great success with people obeying guidelines. Lynn says let's be on the lookout for people showing stress which can lead to bigger problems like increased alcohol/drug use and physical and sexual abuse.
- Parish Website – Rick says its outdated from March, April, May – wants to clean the website up so it can bring people to the things we want seen. Remove some of the stuff. Deliz suggests coming up with an archives folder.
- Due to the COVID-19 environment, the Parish Picnic is canceled this year. Pre-paid expenses have been carried forward to next year's picnic to be held on August 29, 2021 at Camp Rockmont.
- Rick asked for a list of people who have passed due to COVID-19. Fr. Pat will incorporate that in the weekend Masses or an e-mail blast.
- Closing Prayer said by Fr. Pat
- Meeting is adjourned at 6:47pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by Ashley Torres. *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.*