

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Ashley Torres, Karen Bradley, Rick Lober, Karen Bradley, Eric Jedd, Mechelle Kobar

EXCUSED: Raul Cervantes, Nancy Maldonado, Deliz Romero, Carl Dobson

GUESTS: Gerrie Zimmer, Sue Koesters, Jean Marie Luce

- Opening prayer said at 5:36 by Sabine Dieringer.
- December minutes approved.
- The Liturgy Commission (LC): Deacon Mike proposed “drive-up’s” to receive Communion with a brief prayer which Deacon Mike will prepare or has already. The schedule is as follows: the second and fourth Tuesday of the months of February and March from 4-5:30 PM. The last one served about 80 parishioners!
- Covid outbreak status: Fr. Pat reports we haven't had any known outbreaks at the church. He believes it's a good time to recommit ourselves to following the guidelines. We are really trying to limit people's exposure. He reports that we have had deaths within the parish. With the vaccination becoming available, he hope's the finish line is only a couple months away and he looks forward to opening back up to full capacity. Lynn questions if there will be a section for vaccinated/non vaccinated folks? Fr. Pat says we've had two phases of openings for masses. We have dialed it back to the first phase. Hopefully in the next 2 months, we will be back to regular masses. Rick Lober reports we need at least 70% of people vaccinated to get back to regular masses safely. Lynn suggests to Fr. Pat about reinforcing caution within the parish and remaining diligent. Sabine suggests to remind parishioners before coming for communion to distant themselves. Eucharistic ministers should remind people throughout mass. In the next few weeks, we hope to have some hospitality ministers with the vaccination.
- Sue Koesters expresses her concern for vaccination hesitancy. She and Antonio have been working on two programs. There is a video with Fr. Julio from the diocese that will address our faith based response to the vaccine. This Friday, a nurse from Mexico is going to do a podcast on the vaccine. Lynn asks if she could send some information to the kids at ACS. Mechelle says we could put it on facebook. There is a big hispanic following on facebook.
- Care of creation: Last month the meeting was canceled. There is not a tremendous amount going on as a group. Several individuals are involved in other groups. There is still a lot of talk about the recycling center, but nothing to report right now.
- CYPC update: Rick Lober says there is nothing to report.
- Latina community: Deliz and Raul are not present. Food distribution is still going on every week. Fr. Pat says they plan on having ministry leaders from the Vicariate doing a monthly day of recollection following all guidelines. Everyone is bringing their own lunch and going back to their car to eat. They are focusing on prayer and reflecting on processing how drastically life as change and what that means for life as church. They meet in the gym at ACS.
- Ash Wednesday: Fr. Pat reports that as of now it's a regular schedule. It's all subject to change. The times are as follows: 8am, 10am (with school), 12:15pm, 5:30pm, and

7:30pm bilingual. We are going to use a disposable cotton ball or q-tip to administer ashes. We are tentatively planning on the Liturgy of Hours. John Langlois will lead a prayer service during the "Liturgy of the Hours" on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. Deacon Mike says it would be great to have the blessed sacrament exposed. It's mentioned that a lot of people may want to gather into the church. It's important to keep people separated.

- Mass in slow motion: Kathy Graziano, head of Adult Enrichment, recommended a new series called "Mass in Slow Motion" (first part) to be held this Wednesday, February 3rd, 7 pm run by Fr. Pat and to be live streamed; Fr. Pat recommended a liturgical topic and a non-liturgical one about every other month or so. Deacon Mike updates that they are going to follow the format with Collin. Before they begin, they will have a presentation on how to call in, use youtube and communicate life. Fr. Pat says we had a great turnout with "To Mass or not to Mass". This will be the 1st class of an adult ed offering for 2021. Sabine asks about there being a second part. Fr. Says it may turn into a quarterly thing. Sabine questions about the church plaza and its condition at the moment. Fr. Pat says we do have the architectural plan; we just need to do the fundraising for the project. The materials are so expensive right now. The contractor that Fr. Pat spoke to reports that it would require tearing up all the landscaping. It would be 3 months of using the back entrance of the church. Just the floor is going to cost around \$150k.
- Finance Update: Mechelle updates the normal average each month is \$52,000k. January, with the beginning of the year is \$80k. We have a good balance right now.
- Virtuous Training: Rick - Lynn has passed the torch for training. She gave him all the materials she has. He reached out to Amy on the virtuous training. Lynn says they want to revamp the training and the trainers.
- Closing Prayer was said at 6:27.

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.