

**THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES – April 11, 2022**

**IN ATTENDANCE-** Father Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Deacon John Langlois, Lynn Harvey Heth, Karen Bradley, Rick Lober, Pat Irmen, Ashley Torres, James Greene

**NOT PRESENT-** Ed Korte, Jesus Gamez, Mechelle Kobar, Raul Cervantes, Nancy Maldonado

**GUESTS-** Mary Selby, Bill Maloney, Sue Koesters

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- Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and opened with a prayer by Lynn.
- March 14 meeting minutes were approved.
- Path to Synodality- Mary reported that all scheduled group gatherings have been completed. All evaluations show the experience was very valuable and a desire for more opportunities for gathering. At least 44 online surveys have been submitted. Final participation numbers to be forthcoming next month, as surveys are due by 4/20. Results from Anglo gatherings and survey will be tabulated together, with a separate tally for Hispanic and youth responses. Full report to be presented to May PC meeting, and plans being made for a large presentation to parish in June. A suggestion was made for an announcement to let parishioners know the survey results are actively in process of being tallied-so all should stay tuned for the next step.
- Finance- Fr. Pat reported that for the 1st 3 quarters of current FY the parish is \$13,000 over budget in terms of weekly giving VS the budget. The fiscal year ends in June. Parish is assessed \$95K for DSA, currently parish is \$25K under assessment but appeal runs until 12/31. All in all, the budget is healthy. Roof repairs due to animal damage ran \$4,200. The 2<sup>nd</sup> weekly collection each month goes to support the school, so that provides 25% of monthly income. Other parishes contribute 120K per year to support the school. Father sees the mission of the church and school as one. 25% of students are non-Catholic, so they pay \$1,800 more per year in tuition. The school year is concluding after an awesome year of listening and learning.
- Report on Activities & Events in Hispanic Community- Lynn noted that this topic needs to be part of all future PC meetings.
- Peace & Justice/Care of Creation-Sue reported the Ecological Way of the Cross took place on 4/2. An Earth Day 2022 vigil will be held at First Baptist Church on 4/24, Hispanic community will be participating with music. On May 18, 7-8:30 pm Ralph McCloud the Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will speak on poverty and racial justice issues at St. Eugene.
  - Bill Maloney reported that the school has just completed their yearlong project to install 152 high performance panels by Hanes Solar. After the meters are swapped out, the school will be able to send solar electricity back to the grid for a retail credit. A drone flight by parishioner John Warner will get high altitude photos of the school and church. A story and photo have been sent to the Catholic News & Herald. Thanks for Bill for all his tireless work on this project and the 147 panels installed at the church in 2015.
  - James Green reported that the committee to assist Afghan refugees is an outreach of the Lutheran Church, not a ministry of St. Eugene.
- Liturgy Commission-Deacon Mike presented the final revision of the commission guidelines, which were approved by members. Discussion about bringing back the Ministry Fair in September, possibly just for liturgical ministries?
- Parish Council- Lynn reported that there are 3-4 vacancies to replace outgoing members. Nomination forms were sent to current PC members and a display with forms is in the social hall. Now is the time to consider nominations of officers for 2022-2023 year. Rick will write announcement for Mass on weekend of 4/24 encouraging PC nominations. PC members volunteered to read at each Mass. Voting on officers and new PC members will take place at May PC meeting. A suggestion was made to work to balance the PC members coming and leaving; adjustments in terms may need to be made at May meeting. Rick suggested an amendment to by-laws that the word “consecutive” be removed from membership in Article V, to allow members whose 3-year terms have ended to return in some point in future to serve on PC again. Motion to amend by-laws was approved. Rick to draft amendment.

Welcome potluck luncheon to be held on Sunday 6/12 from 1-3 at Creekside Clubhouse located at 19 Creekside Way, Asheville, 28804-all PC members current and new and their families are invited. Parking is limited.
- Suggestion Box-Karen reported on suggestion for tissues in narthex, reinstating bells at start of Mass and during consecration and installation of bulletin board in Women’s restroom.

- Other Business:
  - Father Pat approved PC By-Law revisions.
  - Lynn reported the “All are Welcome” banner has been completed and hangs in the narthex. Thanks to Ann Crowley of the Women’s Guild for her work
  - Father reported the parish picnic is set for August 28 and Camp Rockmont, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Charlotte
  - Father reported that Allison McCauley, music teacher at ACS will assume the additional role as parish Music Director on 5/1.
  - Frank Dosier will continue to lead the Technology Committee; new volunteers are being trained.
  - Father reported one tree close to the daily mass chapel will be removed to deter animals gaining access to roof. As this was a rare occurrence, other trees and shrubs will remain in place.
  
- Meeting was concluded at 7:53 pm with a prayer by Father Pat.

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