

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - August 7, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Julieth Duarte, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Karen Bradley, Carl Dobson, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero, Ron Shigley, Rick Lober serving on behalf of Terry Yeager

EXCUSED: Susan Russo Klein, Nancy Maldonado

GUESTS: Tricia Hynes, Mary Selby and Bill Maloney

- Meeting was called to order at 6:15p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- May Minutes were approved.
- Introduction of new members including Carl Dobson, Lynn Harvey Heth, and Karen Bradley.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - New Mass Time Reaction has been neutral, per Fr Pat. No complaints. Attendance for 7:30a Sunday & Wed. night masses have increased. 7:30a Sunday does provide music now. Maybe changing the 9a Sunday mass become the main mass.
 - CYPC update included recent communications with Bishop Jugis; a reported on USCCB conference outcome; established standing monthly CYPC meeting; encouraging a confirmed meeting date with Bishop Jugis; USCCB Secretariat's Office impressed with SE's grassroots efforts and connected SE CYPC with other like groups. Motion made, seconded, & carried to hold a 1-year anniversary parish meeting on 6:30p Tuesday, Sept. 17th using same format as last year.
 - Next steps for Survey reported by Tricia Hynes – Committee tried to address the major concerns voiced by respondents. one week from today, Liturgical Ministry will meet. Ideas include hiring a “Liturgical designer” to re-fresh church décor or ask parishioners to donate their talent (i.e., in memory of a loved one) to help offset costs. Discussed changing seasonal decorations and when they should go up. Hold a moment of silence after the homily. Announcements with the homily is distracting. Maybe change it to the end? Add personal time of silence during Petitions. Add recent deaths of parishioners on announcements. Liturgy Commission (head: Ellen Kaczmarek) responsible for coordination & implementation of changes per the survey.
 - Tricia also gave update on Ministries. Aug. 14 is a meeting of all the Ministry heads. Suggestion to hold Training first to sharpen skills before holding a Ministry Fairs. Hold 2 fairs—one in Oct. 5th and 6th for Mass ministries (i.e. eucharistic ministries, hospitality, lectors). Maybe place 3-yr terms for Ministry heads to eliminate complacency and keep things fresh. With the change in mass times, it's good time to make changes in Ministry Fair. Also, ministry people should be commissioned annually with a more formal structure for holding commission. Create a vice chair for each Ministries
 - Julieth reported that VBS and Mission Trips were successes.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Parish Picnic. Sept. 8th 1p – 5p at Camp Rockmont. \$5 per ticket with \$20 max per family. No comp'ed expense for volunteers since catered BBQ is more expensive. Parish Council to organize volunteers to sell tickets after masses on Aug. 24, 25, 31, & Sep. 1. Deliz working on printing tickets. Soliciting Peace & Justice help sell tickets on Aug. 24 & 31. Make sure picnic announcements include a full description of event—bring bathing suits, etc.
 - Suggestion Box – none at this time.
 - For subsequent Council mts, each Ministry will provide an update, if any.
 - Fr. Pat reported on construction of the Plaza/Columbarium/Labyrinth project. Currently \$150K saved towards the \$400K project. Construction time estimates 3-4 months. Need conversation with the Finance Committee.
- Next meeting to discuss Safety Ministry and By-Laws
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.
- Next meeting: Will be on Sept. 4th at 6:15p. Will hold subsequent meetings in parish conference room.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Lynn Harvey Heth. *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.*