

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – November 6, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Julieth Duarte, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Karen Bradley, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero, Susan Klein Russo, Nancy Maldonado, Rick Lober for Terry Yeager

EXCUSED: Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Ron Shigley, Carl Dobson

GUESTS: Steve and Kathy Thomas, Omar Maldonado

- Meeting was called to order at 6:22p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- October Minutes were approved.
- Revised By-Laws: Susan went through revisions. Highlights include: continue to have minimum of 9 members but add categories to ensure inclusive representation (gender, age, ethnicity, etc.) of our parish and documenting more formal method of nominating and voting new members. Changes approved.
- Father Pat gave St. Eugene's demographics report that was sent to Diocese. Highlights include 25% minorities; about 950-11500 weekend mass attendees; 1200 registered families; and births, weddings, and funerals down a bit from last year.
- Search for Music Director: Carole Marrs retiring at end of Jan. Search Committee of four parishioners have been selected. Six resumes received to date since posting. Vacancy posted at Diocese and national network.
- Logo and Slogan: Designed by parishioner, Scott Nelson. Discussion on whether the logo and slogan should be the same for the school and St. Eugene's. Feedback include having the same logo & slogan is misleading since all local parishes contribute to the school, and kids from all local parishes are welcome to attend, and do attend, ACS. Next steps is to go to the priests of local parishes to determine their thoughts/approval. Then have Scott re-work logo, maybe incorporating most of the longstanding ACS logo. Conversation will continue.
- Liturgy Ministry: Update from Sabine talking about great turnout on training. Council discussed challenge on how to get more participation, particularly the biggest need of a full Hospitality Team at the 11:30a mass. Survey results posted on the Bulletin.
- Virtus Training for our parish: Lynn attended & is another certified trainer at St. Eugene's to help parishioners spot abuse of children and vulnerable adults and what action to take. Suggestion to start regular training for all parishioners in Jan. 2020.
- Father's Birthday celebration on Nov. 7th: All are welcome. Potluck @ 6p.
- Asheville Catholic School (ACS) Campaign: Make sure that callers do not give the wrong message for people to re-direct their giving from the church to the ACS. Plaza/Columbarium/Labyrinth project at \$200K, need \$350K to do it nicely.
- Suggestion Box: 2 suggestions: 1) Need tissues throughout Parish, particularly during cold season. 2) There was a nomination for Noe Valdez for the parish council. Information will be placed in the Bulletin about when nominations will be accepted (April 2020) and the announcement of the revised bylaws regarding the structure and governance for the Parish Council.
- Care of Creation: Steve Thomas gave report. Look at all our paper products inventory to see if St. Eugene's can use recycled products. CofC will rotate attendance at parish council meetings to ensure environmental impact is considered. Other updates include: St. Eugene's has a climate scientist who is also a parishioner, Deke; Bill Maloney has partnered with the school to ensure construction is environmentally responsible; and this Sat., Nov. 9th, a joint event sponsored by St. Eugene's and the Basilica of St. Lawrence is being held from 3p-4p at St. Eugene's with Sister Rose Marie Tresp speaking on Laudato Si. Bilingual interpretation will be provided.
- Waiting for report from Duke Energy to start Energy Saving initiative, swapping to all LED lights.
- Other Upcoming Events: Mass 9a on Thanksgiving Day; Dec. 4th is the Ecumenical Service hosted by St. Eugene's this year. Soup and Supper served at 6p. Prayer service at 7p; Dec. 8th – Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta with masses at 7:30a and 9a in English and 11:30p bilingual.
- Elderly parishioner asked how often we change church air filters due to rise of Legionnaires' disease. We are on a maintenance contract so filters are changed regularly.

- Father Pat's Upcoming Events: On 11/13 at 11a, presenting on the book, The Universal Christ, at the Women's Guild monthly meeting. On 11/13 at 6:30p talking to church youth on Vocation. 11/14 at 7p in the Chapel – celebration of remembrance for souls that have departed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:38p.
- Next meeting: Will be changed to Thursday, December 5th at 6:15p in the parish conference room. Moved one day due to Ecumenical Service.

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.*