

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – October 2, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Julieth Duarte, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Karen Bradley, Carl Dobson, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero, Susan Klein Russo, Nancy Maldonado

EXCUSED: Rick Lober for Terry Yeager, Ron Shigley

GUESTS: Vicki Ransom, Mary Selby, Bill Maloney, Mike Miller, Mechelle Kobar, Connie Mitchell, Joel Anderson, Rich Anderson

- Meeting was called to order at 6:15p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- September Minutes were approved.
- CYPC Report: Update on the one-year meeting. Still trying to meet with Bishop and connect with other like groups across the US. Father Pat needs someone to attend the Virtus training to become a trainer for our parish. Oct. 17 in Hickory 9-5 focus is Protecting youth and vulnerable adults. Virtus Online has bugs, so in-person training is best. 2-person team is best. Julieth and her husband are already trained.
- Revised By-Laws: Revision completed and will be distributed for review and final Council vote at next month's meeting.
- Asheville Catholic School (ACS) Campaign: Presented by Mike Miller. The night of 10/3 will be the start of training to solicit donations. Soliciting will be more aggressive after Spring. Joe Lordi leading the charge with Jim Kelly from Charlotte Diocese. \$1 Mil. Goal with ~\$250K already pledged. Goal to break ground in Spring of 2020. Capital campaign is to ensure as little debt incurred as possible for entire construction project. Encourage all to participate whether they have kids or not in the school by thinking of the benefits in having school for our community. Still need more money. Past campaign was great but not enough. Offer to purchase 2 properties have expired. Owners just not ready to move. Care of Creation raised questions regarding construction and final work such as how energy efficient; materials used; disposal of waste; etc. Most of these concerns will likely be raised during the architectural planning phase.
- Safety/Security Ministry: Need a committee of 5 ppl. Priority is to recruit for a first responder on the committee. In case of evacuation, Hospitality Ministry must lead people. Need to know where the medical expert parishioners are. How to take care of disabled in dire emergency. Goal is to implement Safety Plan by Jan. 2020. CPR training to parishioners.
- Hospitality Ministry: Suggestion to have one hospitality manager (Mass Captains) per mass. This will be first priority for Ministry. Rich will take 9a mass. Rich will recruit via church announcement at the beginning of each mass this weekend. Suggestion to engage more parishioner by presenting it as a "Family task" (which can engage more families) or recruit within ACS. Another suggestion was to break out each job during Mass as separate pieces/task and recruit/assign by task.
- Respect Life Ministry: Oct is respect life month. Participating in 40 days for life. Looking for people to sign up at Planned Parenthood. Sep. 25th – Nov. 3rd. Sun., Oct 22, Movie, "Unplanned" being shown in the parish. Open to other churches. End of year project is letters to Seminarians.
- Suggestion Box: Water fountain and front pew fixed. New: Theology of the Body needed. We need to recruit but qualifications are difficult to find. We'll look through diocesan program.
- Survey Update: Concentrating on liturgical commission. Ministry fair this weekend to get new recruits for liturgical ministries only. Will concentrate on other areas after Ministry Fair.
- Air Handler Repair – called in for repair.
- Lightbulbs switch to LED – Duke came to make an assessment. Says we're doing great but can do better. \$42K initial estimate to do the full recommendation. Can get \$18-\$19K from Duke. Full Implementation of recommendations can drastically reduce electrical bill. LEDs are so bright now that you really need less lights from existing number that we have. Moving in the direction of recommendations but not final.
- Care of Creation – Vicki Ransom made presentation. Parish-wide resolution to support and make decisions based on Laudato Si was presented. (Laudato Si means "Praise Be to You and is the title of Pope Francis's second encyclical focusing on "care for our common home.") Council voted unanimous approval. Parish commitment is stated below:

Protecting the Environment

As a parish community, we strive to significantly reduce the use of polystyrene (Styrofoam) and paper products. All groups that will prepare and serve food and beverages are strongly encouraged to use the plastic cups, ceramic dishes, and coffee cups, glass stemware and stainless-steel utensils available in the kitchen. Recycling bins are available for recycled items outside the kitchen. Dishes can be cleaned using the dishwasher (training is available) or by hand, if a small number. Groups using the kitchen and facilities should wash the dishes, return them to the proper cabinets, and leave the kitchen and social hall/meeting rooms in clean condition.

Need to make sure that Care of Creation is involved in all church planning for events and projects. St. Eugene is one of first parishes to have solar panels. Oct. 10th @ 6p a small reception and fellowship will be held at the Friendship Garden. Nov. 9th 3p working with the Basilica of St. Lawrence to talk about progress made with Laudato Si.

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:32p.
- Next meeting: Will be on November 6th at 6:15p in the 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.*