

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – September 4, 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 for Terry Yeager, Nancy Maldonado

EXCUSED: n/a

GUESTS: Bill Maloney & Mechelle Kobar

- Meeting was called to order at 6:17p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- August Minutes were approved.
- Parish Picnic update. Sept. 8th 1p – 5p at Camp Rockmont. Food being served between 1:30p-2p. Dessert at 2:30p. Parishioners are reminded to bring dessert to share. Games planned. Weather looks promising. KoC have agreed to organize parking.
- Safety Ministry discussion postponed until next month.
- By-laws changes presented by Susan, specifically Article IV on Nomination & Selection of Members. Need to create a general base of categories to ensure representation. Motion to add a young person representative on the council. Approved. Revisions will include adding a process on the removal of a council member. Deleting VII, Section 3 regarding length of meeting—deemed unnecessary. New by-laws draft at next meeting. Adding “Included but not limited to” language. Discussion to find a way to engage more people to reinforce our diversity. Reminders to be made that Council meetings are public, and all parishioners are encouraged to attend.
- Suggestion box: Concern over Andrea’s vacant position – A core team of 4 adult volunteers have filled Andrea’s position. In addition, a Team of 12 is serving on the Youth Council of which at least half will be Hispanic high schoolers. Repairs – Front pew repairs are on Salvador’s long list of things to do. Water fountain broken – It is under warranty, so it is being fixed. Snacks – There are requests for more donuts served, but there is always too much leftover donuts already. Hand sanitizer – Bathrooms are nearby, so hand sanitizer not needed next to snacks. Carl requested the need for handrails on the altar for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and anyone that needs it as they walk up to the altar. Idea is being considered. Lastly, some discussion of adding an extra eucharistic minister for the Blood of Christ on the left side of the Priest since there always seems to be a backup during communion.
- Monthly reports of Ministries/Committees. Of 77 ministries/committees, 14 reports were submitted. Overall feedback was positive. Ministry/committee chairs welcomed the opportunity to submit a report and seemed pleased with the Council’s interests in each ministry’s/committee’s important work. Because monthly reports are not conducive to the 1 ½ hr meeting, a ministry/committee will be highlighted each week on the St. Eugene facebook page to reach more parishioners. The Council is so proud of the work of each ministry/committee.
- Ecumenical Outreach – Fr. Pat stressed the importance of a Catholic representative at the Christian Discipleship Center and notes that Rome deems ecumenical outreach to be of utmost importance. St. Eugene needs a replacement because current representative has served beyond the 3 years term limit. Alternate should also be assigned. An announcement to recruit will be made.
- CYPC – putting on one-year anniversary. Tuesday, Sept 17th at 6:30p. Wakyria will translate that night, and, also, a Spanish translation of the event announcement will be done. St. Eugene and another parish in Northern VA are the only two groups invited to Washington DC to meet with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to discuss grassroot efforts addressing sexual abuse by clergy.
- Charles Dobson, father of Council member, Carl Dobson, will be honored at the Blue Ridge Honor Flight. For his sacrifice and bravery serving in WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War. The Council expresses its great pride in having such a distinguished parishioner.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.
- Next meeting: Will be on Oct. 2nd 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.*