

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- DECEMBER 2, 2020

In ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Sabine Dieringer, Karen Bradley, Rick Lober, Mechelle Kobar, Nancy Maldonado, Deliz Romero, Pat Irmen

EXCUSED: not sure who was excused, missing were: Lynn Harvey Heth, Ashley Torres, Raul Cervantes, Carol Dobson, Eric Jedd

- Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with an opening prayer by Father Pat.
- November minutes were approved.
- Fr. Pat updated that Advent Ecumenical Wednesday Services with St. Mark's Lutheran, St. Mary's Episcopal, St. Paul's Methodist continue this Advent with pre-recorded Advent reflections and Zoom meetings.
- Father went over the Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve-2:00 PM Masses in both church and ball field (bilingual), 4:00 masses in both school gym and church, and 6:30 in church. Need for at least 6 hospitality ministers and 4 Eucharistic ministers per Mass. Possibility of off- site parking and police to direct traffic. Discussion of how to handle overflow of Mass attendees. Father Pat may do a spiritual communion during mass and distribute communion outside after mass.
Mass on Christmas day will be at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm (Spanish)
- Fr. Pat on Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration: Dec 5: 11:30 am Mass will feature Aztec dancers and reenactment of Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be live streamed and Mountain Express will be doing some media coverage.
- Reconciliation Masses- Father to consider how to safely administer anointing of sick, usually 3rd Sunday of Advent.
- Deacon Mike: To Mass or Not to Mass outcome: event was very positive, discussion of guilt issues and moving accounts of the power of the sacraments and our faith community. As a live streamed event there is a need next time to explain the procedure to submit questions on line.
- Other Latina Events: Deliz and Nancy reported at least 50 families have been served by Catholic Charities with turkey and food giveaway. Fr. Pat will allow small Christian communities to gather in the church for traditional Posada prayers on Fridays in Advent.
- Care of Creation-no representative was present

- Sue Koesters- not present- Racial Justice group continues to meet virtually on Tuesday evenings.
- Parish Finance Update: matching grant by the Toogood Family Foundation (up to \$10K) will help offset offertory deficit. Mechelle reported that December usually brings many end of year donations.
- Sabine reported that the Advent booklet is on the parish website and contains many moving contributions in English and Spanish. A limited number of copies to be printed and available in church. Father to announce. Sabine to print copies for contributors.
- Sabine reported that the church would be decorated 12 22/23, and would be very simple to save seating space: wreaths for the door, large nativity scene and tree as well as small tree and nativity scene in gathering space.
- Sabine reported that Kathy Graziano will be the new Adult Continuing Education Coordinator. Possible quarterly topics will cover various aspects of Catholicism, including faith sharing.
- St. Eugene Virtual Jobs board has been receiving requests and Antonio has filled them.
- The Peace and Justice Ministry took about 20 orders for Fair Trade items
- Father Pat reported that in the event that he and Father Doug contract Covid-19, a back-up plan is in place and includes communion services, recorded Masses and ample supply of consecrated hosts. Eucharistic ministers will be needed to assist. Both priests are limiting travel.