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**THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES – March 4, 2020**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Pat Cahill, Julieth Duarte, Sabine Dieringer, Deliz Romero, Rick Lober, Pat Irwin for Terry Yeager, Susan Klein Russo, Karen Bradley

**EXCUSED:** Eric Jedd, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Nancy Maldonado, Carl Dobson & Lynn Harvey Heth

**GUESTS:** Mechelle Kobar, Tricia Hynes, Connie Mitchell & Cynthia Gibbs

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- Meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm & Fr. Pat led the opening prayer
- February minutes were approved except to change *Care of Creation* minutes to read: “Going Green June 6-7” not Montreat meeting.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - **Quarterly Financial Report** – Fr. Pat & Mechelle would post a report beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
  - **Directory** – Sabine volunteered to work on a new directory in the fall
  - **Safety Ministry** – Fr. Pat met with Alan Wyatt & Rick Lober to discuss St. Eugene’s safety issues
  - **Prayer Chain Ministry** – Sabine suggested reinstating one but no takers
  - **Duke Energy Proposal** – Eric is reviewing
  - **Sock Drive** – Karen announced that it will be held during March & April (probably not until we return!)
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **Parking in Circle** – Mechelle cautioned that no parking is permitted in circle because fire trucks must have access
  - **Switch to Fair Trade Coffee** – Tricia Hynes proposed that St. Eugene switch to “fair trade coffee” from a local supplier; while our regular 2-month consumption is \$92.91 for all 4 Masses, the *Dynamite Roasting Company* will provide coffee for \$204.98 but will be reduced due to that no coffee will be served at the Saturday 5:30 pm or Sunday 11:00 Masses; rationale is: local supplier, live out Catholic values, give hand up not handout & fair trade invests in communities.
  - **Care of Creation** – Cynthia Gibbs announced she would no longer head St. Eugene’s garden tasks after 3 years of service – is seeking replacement; Cynthia & Connie Mitchell explained that the ministry’s focus for 2020 is to *REDUCE WASTE*; i.e. replace plastic bags with cloth bags & providing the church with an attractive recycling station; *GOING GREEN* June 6-7, 2020 to educate our community; Connie also mentioned that at the March 28<sup>th</sup> 11 am Mass Fr. Pat would honor deceased Glenmary priest Fr. John Rausch as advocate of the Appalachian people & avid environmentalist
  - **Fr. Pat** announced that there is at least one Catholic church in each North Carolina county
  - **CYPC Update** – Fr. Pat, Susan, Rick & Charlotte’s vicar Fr. Patrick Winslow had an audience with Bishop Peter Jugis on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss various issues including asking for: (1) more lay involvement, (2) creating a victim advocate at local level; and, (3) that financial support to Fr. Schneider would cease. Bishop Jugis was receptive, prioritizing issues & was interested that other parishes are following suit at the local & national level
  - **Suggestion Box** – None.
  - **Virtus Training** – Lynn held the first training meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> with 10 people including 3 from other parishes; the next one would be held March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Sidewalk Advocacy Training** – Pat Irwin & 19 other people stood in front of the Planned Parenthood - Asheville Health Center to advocate pro life
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm
- Next meeting: ?

Minutes prepared & respectfully submitted by Sabine Dieringer. *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 Gathering Space.*