

**THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deacon Mike Zboyovski; Deacon John Langlois; Rick Lober (Chair, 6/24);  
Shawna Hoffert (Sec, 6/25); Raul Cervantes (6/23); Jesus Gamez (6/24); James Greene (6/24);  
Charles James (6/25); Laura Morales (6/25)

**NOT PRESENT:** Fr Pat; Ashley Torres; Buster Brown; Pat Irmen; Ed Korte; Mechelle Kobar

**GUESTS:** Bill Maloney; Sue Koesters; Catherine Murphy; Mark & Donna Simon; Peter Olynick

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- Meeting was called to order at 6:36p by R.Lober and an opening prayer was said by Dcn Mike.
  - 12.12.2022 Minutes were approved. (C.James; Dcn Mike)
  - Perpetual Adoration Chapel update – Fr Pat (absent); R.Lober/Dcn Mike
    1. Interest from the parish, especially from Hispanic ministries and community
    2. Temporarily, main living room of “pink house” will be available (w/camera and keypad to secure)
    3. Fr Pat met w/architect that designed the addition to the school. Suggested wall off current Day Chapel and create a separate entry w/keypad for parishioners; then use Narthex for additional sanctuary space and seating. Wall may be removable/foldable so it could still be used for Masses.
    4. An ongoing conversation, but wanted to meet the immediate need/desire of the parish; will probably take more than a year to make a decision and move forward more permanently
      - J.Greene expressed concern of groups forming to use chapel as “meeting” space; also desired Fr Pat to make intentions more clear for the entire parish
      - B.Maloney expressed concern of returning to practices that were “pre-Vatican II”
  - Small Christian Communities (Dinner Clubs) – Peter Olynick
    1. Concept for a potential new ministry; was done in his former parish St Peters in CHT
    2. What can we do to improve the social aspect of the community? (and address Synod point)
    3. Overall coordinator would ask for adults to join for 6mo commitment; put into groups 6-8 people; “pseudo-leader” would reach out to others in the group and coordinate the meeting dinner dates and format for the next 6mo
    4. Each group decides on their own when/where they want to meet, what to discuss – could be formal bible study all the way to just chatting
    5. After 6mo, the coordinator would shuffle the groups to put new people together for next 6mo rotation
    6. This was done with much success at St Peters in CHT; Peter has the materials they used
      - Rick asked if this was used in an outreach capacity to new parishioners? (could be)
      - Sue had language concerns to make sure the Anglo/Hispanic groups were mixing; Peter said they could designate their preferred language when sign-up
      - There is a similar movement occurring in the AVL Hispanic community where they meet weekly for prayer, and every once in a while the groups are shuffled
      - Dcn Mike had administrative questions that are apropos for all ministries (who is chair; succession plan; need for budget/parish resources; etc.)
      - Peter wants to come back to Feb meeting so that an April-October cycle can be established for 2023

- Meet w/Youth regarding service for Liturgical Ministries – Peter Olynick/R.Lober
  1. Rxn to Synod report; ways to help youth know of and participate in parish ministries
  2. Present to teen CCD/Confirmation/post-confirmation/college groups
  3. Initial focus would be on the Liturgical ministries
  4. Arrangements have been made w/Tracy Jedd to start these presentations more formally
    - Charles spoke w/Frank Dosier and he really would like more youth involvement for A/V
    - UNCA campus ministry has collapsed; there is no local rep anymore
    - Dcn Matt Newsom at Western NC could possibly be a contact as well
- Report on Activities & Events in the Hispanic Community – R.Cervantes/L.Morales
  1. Hispanic community is very excited about the purchase of more property; really want a devotional chapel
  2. Marriage enrichment workshop
  3. Weekly prayer groups
  4. Cursillos (ladies and mens) in Salisbury area
  5. Three retreats are coming up in March, Aug, and before Thanksgiving at a camp in Swannanoa
  6. Children of Maria Santisima (7-8 core people meet every Tuesday; prayer, vigils, evangelization, yearly retreat – Lake Junaluska (300 people attended); everyone speaks Spanish)
  7. Alma Figueroa is planning a third fundraiser for the parish
  8. Walkyria Almonte is a primary coordinator for the Hispanic community
- Council member reports regarding contact with Commission ministries
  1. Liturgy & Worship Commission – see report from Shawna
  2. Building & Maintenance Commission – see report from Rick
  3. Charles reported on Technology
  4. Jesus/Raul had Parish Life Commission but was only able to contact three people
  5. Laura called the ministries for the Hispanic community
  6. Rick asked for more formal written reports that include contacts/numbers, activities by next month
- Intercessions for Life (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023) – Karen Bradley (Respect Life Ministry)
 

“Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Children”

  - Particular day of prayer and penance
  - Attached sample petitions
- Peace & Justice/Care of Creation Ministry update – Sue Koesters
  1. During Lent have done an ecological/environmental Way of the Cross
    - Wants to do another this year; Racial Justice Group also wants to do another that has already been written by the bishops
    - Sue would like to organize one for each week
- Suggestion Box
  1. “Queremos en espanol los folletos de oraciones” (We would like the devotional pamphlets in Spanish.)
    - Pass on to the KOC and Mechelle/Fr Pat to request more purchased in Spanish
  2. Donna Petrides (828) 707-5851 states, “I am **very allergic** to Easter Lilies. I will buy silk lilies.”
    - Will ask Mechelle about who orders lilies/ what the process is for removing allergens, etc./speak with Ms. Petrides
  3. Please make the 5:30 mass a contemporary music mass (or one of them.)...Megan Buser (828) 230-6763
    - Passing back to Allyson MacCaulley

- Other Business or Upcoming Events
  1. Laura was here at 7pm for a meeting but the church was locked and dark; then she saw a suspicious person inside the church who ran when she knocked. She didn't know who to call.
    - Rick and Charles suggested a call list/phone tree of contact people who can turn on/off lights, alarms, where the main circuit breakers and water mains are; etc.
  2. Adult Education: "Catholic Social Teaching"; presented by Dcn John Jan 29<sup>th</sup> between masses; live-streamed and recorded
  3. Adult Confirmation Curriculum – Fr Pat is working on Spanish and English; would like people to be able to go between masses to class and then be confirmed at Easter
- Closing Prayer was said by Dcn Mike and meeting was adjourned at 8:42p.
- Next meeting: Will be on Monday, Feb 13th at 6:30p in ACS meeting area.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Shawna Hoffert. *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.*