

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – [May 8th, 2023]

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill; Deacon Mike Zboyovski; Deacon John Langlois; Rick Lober (Chair, 6/24); Ashley Torres (Vice-Chair, 6/23); Shawna Hoffert (Sec, 6/25); Mechelle Kobar (Parish Administrator); Buster Brown (6/25); Raul Cervantes (6/23), Jesus Gamez (6/24); James Greene (6/24); Pat Irmes (6/24); Charles James (6/25); Ed Korte (6/24); Laura Morales (6/25); Kevin Sandoval (youth member); Allison Morales (youth member)

NOT PRESENT: James Greene (sick)

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- Meeting was called to order at 6:36p and an opening prayer was said by Fr Pat.
 - April Minutes were approved; Pat moves to approve, Ed seconds.
 - Latest update regarding Parish Life Minister - Fr. Pat
 - Many people applied; two interviews are scheduled with the search committee on Friday
 - 30hr/wk position
 - Update on Faith Formation activities - Fr. Pat
 - Tracy Judd is going to retire as director
 - Part-time position will be opening; 20hr/wk, Sun AM/Mon PM
 - Interim director that has been helping may step in
 - Fr Pat would like to see more formal training sessions for catechists; more involvement of the family of the student
 - First Holy Communion was a huge success
 - Update on UNCA Mass; Starting Aug 27th, scheduled once a month on the last Sunday of the month, 6pm, four rooms available
 - Raul is working to help involve more youth in the 7:30 Spanish-language Mass; Ushers/Lectors have no age restriction; Eucharistic ministers have to be Confirmed
 - Summary Report of Parish Commissions - Next Steps? – Rick
 - Direct report to the Parish Life Minister
 - Ministry fair
 - Follow-up meetings should be pre-scheduled by ministry leader
 - Set expectations for the sub-leaders/chairs under the Parish Life Minister; to contact back interested volunteers
 - Start Technology-Life Ministry (suggested by Dcn John); help us update and “beef up” the website/inter-connectivity for people to find volunteer opportunities
 - Elections of New Parish Council Members – Rick
 - Reviewed applications (11), took comments
 - Secret ballot taken, counted by leaving member Ashley and youth member Kevin (no vote)
 - Four people were chosen, with two alternates – Abel Lomeli Garcia, MaryEllen Shepard, Joe Stritch, Laurie Zone-Smith; two alternates are Richard Anderson, Michael MacCauley
 - Elections of Parish Council Officers- Rick
 - Chair – Rick Lober
 - Vice-Chair – Buster Brown
 - Secretary – Shawna Hoffert
 - Suggestion Box – Shawna
 - Betsy Vandermeer wants to know if there’s a spot to leave magazines and books for others to enjoy?
 - Anonymous requests a communion rail for those who want to kneel to take communion; Fr Pat states that the “norm” for the US according to the USSCD is to receive standing; parishioners CAN kneel, and some desire to do so as a personal devotion, but it is a little bit of a safety issue for the person behind who may not expect the kneeler and may trip over the kneeler; Fr Pat suggests catechesis about this, not planning to put in a rail.

- Planning for June Meeting (social, say goodbye to leaving members, welcome new members; spouses invited)
 - Fr Pat going to try to reserve the clubhouse in his neighborhood
 - Possibly June 11th; will send out food sign-up for potluck
- No new Business
- Closing Prayer was said by Fr Pat and meeting was adjourned at 7:56p.
- Next meeting: Will be on June 11th as noted above.

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.*