

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – November 14th, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill; Rick Lober (Chair, 6/24); Shawna Hoffert (Sec, 6/25); Mechelle Kobar (Parish Administrator); Buster Brown (6/25); Raul Cervantes (6/23); James Greene (6/24); Pat Irmen (6/24); Charles James (6/25); Laura Morales (6/25)

NOT PRESENT: (all excused) Deacon Mike Zboyovski; Deacon John Langlois; Ashley Torres (Vice-Chair, 6/23); Ed Korte (6/24); Jesus Gamez (6/24)

GUESTS: Bill Maloney; Sue Koesters (Peace & Justice Ministry and Care of Creation Mission)

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1. Meeting was called to order at 6:38p and an opening prayer was said by Fr Pat.
 2. September Minutes were presented by S.Hoffert and approved.
 3. Finance Report – Fundraising update regarding Culvern Street property -- Fr Pat and Finance Council Presentation – Chris Amys, Finance Chair
 - 44 Culvern St
 - Operating Budget
 - Relationship with and support for Asheville Catholic School (ACS)
 - Going to email parish council the 30pg more detailed break-down of line-item expenses; council requested quarterly meeting with C.Amys so we stay more aware
 - J.Greene requested Greg Barr (ACS financial committee head) presentation
 4. Peace & Justice Ministry Update – Sue Koesters; groups Peace & Justice/Care of Creation were combined into one group
 - Webpage section on church’s site is being updated; weekly bulletin updates
 - Many projects are currently in the works; trying to restart the pre-pandemic organizations they were involved with
 - Want younger people to get involved in the committee, connect with the school/parents
 - Meet 3rd Sunday of the month between 9 and 1130 masses
 5. Subcommittee report regarding parish Synodal recommendations – R.Lober, B.Brown, P.Irmen, A.Torres, E.Korte
 - Pulling out actual focused projects from the Synod report with consensus from the council with which we can give guidance to Fr Pat
 - Invigorate those parish missions that need to be energized
 - Parish Life Minister – give accountability to the missions/groups
 - Sanctuary Rejuvenation Project w/Capital campaigns for each project
 - More Community/Spiritual Life events
 6. Advent Outreach/Ecumenism prayer service and plan – Fr Pat
 - “Out of the Blue” – dates/places in bulletin – four services, Dec 14th at St Eugene
 7. Lighting upgrades report – M.Kobar
 - MB Hanes electrician quoted \$7000 for scissor-lift scaffold to fix lights so that plan was scrapped
 - Lighting will be fixed with traditional scaffolding where floor is flat
 - Lights added to outside of building (on order)
 - Duke-owned parking lot/street lights have been changed to LEDs and they are bright; has a couple still to be fixed that we lease
 - \$37,000 fire-alarm system is being replaced (completely dysfunctional, 25yr old panel)

8. Parish Council members outreach to Commission ministries – A.Torres (absent; R.Lober in lieu)
 - Reminded council member to reach out to assigned ministries
 - Ask: are they active? What is happening?
 - Report back in January 2023

9. Asheville Police Department training (November 16th @ 6pm) – R.Lobar

10. Suggestion Box. – S.Hoffert
 - Jean Cummings – suggested a training opportunity for the different mission groups on how to use the new TV; C.James suggested a written guide attached to TV stating what is compatible for ports, etc. – Fr Pat said Frank Dosier (AV) can help
 - Request for intercession for persecuted Church in Nicaragua, esp imprisoned clergy – Fr Pat passing along to those who write intercessions
 - Request for adult ed class serving parents whose children aren't active in the Church anymore and/or who haven't baptized their children (“a lot of us are hurting”) – Passing along to Dcn John for possible future class or seminar
 - Request to offer the “9 First Fridays” to the school children as they go to Mass on Fridays – Fr Pat in consideration of this

11. Other Business or Upcoming events (all are listed in the bulletin)
 - 9am English/1130 Bilingual masses for Advent/Christmas masses
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Connie Mitchell – distinguished parishioner moving away; J.Greene wanted to place a blurb in the bulletin

12. Closing Prayer was said by Fr Pat and meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.

13. Next meeting: Will be on Dec 12th at 6:30p; dinner meeting at Fr. Pat's

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.*