

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

In Attendance: Fr. Patrick Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Richard Anderson (Chair), Julieth Duarte (Vice Chair), Sabine Dieringer (Secretary), Terry Yeager, Hamp Hampton, Ron Shigley, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero

Excused: Denise Cope, Susan Russo, Andrea Robles-Leon,

Guests: Various Parish members

- **Meeting began with prayer**
- **Picnic Feedback:**
 - Very positive reviews
 - Big thanks went to **Walkyria**, who was instrumental in making picnic a success
- **Rich** heard about a complaint re: missing suggestion box, which **Sabine** took home for repair
- **Father Pat** explained that, based on the September 4th Congregational meeting re: Listening and Sharing Session: Crisis in Church, he asked **Susan Russo** to spearhead writing a letter to the Bishop with **Rick Lober** and **Lynn Heth**
- **Rick** explained that, as a member of the Child & Youth Protection Committee and via a conference call with Lynn & Susan, they narrowed the scope of “voices heard” and decided on some issues to be addressed later; they provided an update in the September 30th bulletin and a letter from the Council, also provided to the congregation October 7; he also asked to be present when the letter is to be given to the bishop
- **Lynn** reiterated the “pain” she felt at the Congregational meeting, citing it was “humbling feeling”
- **Ron**, with a background in the court system, mentioned that his wife was “taken aback when reading the letter”
- **Mike** reminded everyone that a Diocesan “Protecting God’s Children (PGC)” process was in place since 2002 where **Mary Selby** felt that process is essentially an onus on laity not the clergy and further suggested “clear expectations” in the letter; **Kathy Graziano** wondered how effective is the process?, is the bishop included in investigations? and asked for more accountability by the bishop
- **Deliz** encouraged anyone to take the PGC course
- **Rich and Terry** differed about Fr. John’s conviction of a misdemeanor for obstruction of justice and that the diocese still monetarily supports him
- **Gayle Wurthner** felt that the celibacy issue brought up at the Congregational meeting should be included in the letter after which **Bill Maloney** handed out a letter with this specific paragraph
- **Julieth Duarte** disagreed and suggested that many in her Hispanic community would also
- **Rich** asked for a motion to incorporate comments made by Council and various parishioners and delegate the Child & Youth Protection Committee to provide the revision to all Council members: the motion passed
- There was some discussion about having a mass “letter writing” opportunity for the parishioners
- **Fr. Pat** announced that, since October is the Month of Mission/Respect of Life, that on October 25th will be a Mass for “Our Lady of Fatima” at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Minutes prepared and respectively submitted by Sabine Dieringer