

THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL Via Google Meet
MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Pat Cahill, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Julieth Duarte, Sabine Dieringer, Lynn Harvey Heth, Karen Bradley, Eric Jedd, Deliz Romero, Susan Klein Russo, Nancy Maldonado, Rick Lober, Raul Cervantes, Ashley Torres

EXCUSED: Carl Dobson, Pat Irmen

GUESTS: Mechelle Kobar

- Meeting was called to order at 5:37p and an opening prayer was said by Fr. Pat.
- May Minutes were approved with minor corrections.
- June 2nd Mass and meeting was held in response to gradual opening plans during COVID-19 pandemic with St. Eugene volunteers which included Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors. About 50-60 ppl attended. First, it is important to remind everyone that this is a fluid plan that can be, and will likely be, changed/fine-tuned as we hold each Mass. Rick Lober presented and walked through newly created procedures which included entering and exiting church and seating arrangements for families, singles, couples, etc. The numbers estimated during this new plan is as follows: 70-100 in sanctuary; another 44 single seats in social hall; and Day Chapel can hold 15-20 couples. Communion plans were discussed. Cleaning supplies to be used after each Mass can be found in the open supply closet across from the kitchen—which Fr. Pat will leave unlocked. Raul will make announcements at 7:30a Sunday Mass for a clean-up volunteers sign-up. Need 4-5 ppl. Pews and chairs will need to be wiped down. There will be signage everywhere. 10-15 hospitality ministers needed for each Mass. The first opening Mass since COVID-19 shut-down is happening this weekend (June 6 & 7) and how each Mass proceeds will determine strengths & weaknesses of current plan so changes can be made accordingly.
- Members praised Fr. Pat, Fr. Doug, and Deacon Mike for the wonderful YouTube videos of Masses during the quarantine. Fr. Pat said those would continue, along with live-streaming Mass for parishioners to follow in the church parking lot (especially if the church has hit number limit for Mass); at home; and anywhere they have internet access on whatever electronic device they choose.
- New 2020-2021 members were welcomed, and each gave a short introduction of themselves. Raul Cervantes (replacing Julieth Duarte), Rick Lober (replacing Terry Yeager), and Ashley Torres (replacing Susan Klein Russo); Pat Irmen will finish Ron Shigley's term. Alternates are Don Carson and Karl Schroeder. Thank you to the 3 Council members that served their three years with exceptional grace and participation: Susan Russo Klein, Julieth Duarte, and Terry Yeager.
- Sabine Dieringer was welcomed as the new Parish Council Chair. Lynn Harvey Heth was chosen for Vice Chair and Ashley Torres was chosen as the new Secy.
- Susan Klein Russo asked what the Church was in response to the George Floyd killing and subsequent violence. Fr. Pat said there was nothing yet from the Church and also acknowledged, in the meantime, the powerful voice of DC Archbishop Wilton Gregory in immediate response to the President's reprehensible actions in the wake of the killing of George Floyd and the violence that ensued and continue to happen.
- New Business: Rick Lober said that people found a disturbing article in the National Catholic Reporter that cited Cardinal Dolan's public flattery of President Trump on the good job he is doing. Fr. Pat said that Cardinal Dolan was likely just looking for opportunities in areas in which both sides agreed, like support for pro-life movement, support for school choice, specifically Catholic Schools, etc.
- Members were asked to send agenda items to Sabine for next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:30p after prayer.
- Next meeting: Will be on July 1st at 5:30p in the parish conference room.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Lynn Harvey Heth. *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.*