

St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Attendees: Rev. George Koeune, Kathleen Kon, Maria Russo, Dan Bowery, Erica Dillon, Carolyn Edwards, Betty Urbaszewski-Gebhardt, Rita Kopf, Tony Mion, Sal Sparacino, and Pat Wagner

Absent: Jim Schmitt and Terri Swiderski

Father George opened the meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer.

Open Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: Maria Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2015 meeting, as distributed, and motion was seconded by Carolyn Edwards.

Pastor's Report by Father George:

- Father George presented information and an update on the finances of the Parish and a breakdown of contributions by parishioners – approximately 80% is being contributed by 20% of our families. We have to try to work on increasing the contributions of the remaining 80% of the families. The current number of parishioners was compared to previous years.
- On Wednesday, November 11, 2015 there will be a dinner for volunteers of the Parish, as originally started by Father Jerry. Father George will be the speaker.

Commission Report – Parish Life

- Maria Russo reported that the Altar & Rosary Arts & Crafts Fair made a profit that was \$400 less than last year, primarily because there were fewer tables.
- Altar & Rosary has purchased two 9-foot Christmas trees. The Church will pay a portion of the cost for the trees and A&R will make up the difference.
- A&R Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and the cost will be \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.
- The Christmas Trolley will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015, and will be going to Lincoln Park to see the Zoo lights. Cost is \$22.
- Pat Wagner reported that Lydia Hilado is looking to sign up new choir members. First practice will be Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 7:00pm.
- Tony Mion added that the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent DePaul Society will again be handing out turkey dinners for needy families in the community.
- Knights of Columbus Trivia Night is Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Commission Report – Education: Erica Dillon

- During the month of October, the school children and teachers are meeting in Church every Thursday to pray the rosary together as a school.

- Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 30, 2015.
- A student choir for 4th through 8th graders is being started and they will be performing at First Friday Masses, Family Masses, special liturgies, and special events.
- After-school chess club will be started on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, for those from Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Two big fundraisers – Pledge for Fitness raised just over \$7,000, and the 5K had over 350 participants and raised about \$21,000 for technology and other initiatives for the school.

Commission Report – Spiritual Life: Carolyn Edwards

- RCIA has four people this year – a married couple and two teens. There will be no Baptisms, but they will be receiving Communion, Confirmation and Profession of Faith.
- Liturgy Committee is getting ready for All Souls' Day and also preparing for Advent.
- Decorating Committee purchased two new Christmas trees for the sanctuary.
- The Advent Wreath Lighting sign-up sheet will be posted either the weekend of November 7 or November 14, 2015.

Old Business:

- Thank you to everyone who helped out for all the events which were on our calendar.
- Reception for Lydia Hilado on Sunday, October 11, 2015, went very well and the Adult Education Series held on October 14 and October 21, 2015 was very enlightening. The speakers were very good and enjoyable. We wish we could get more people to attend.

New Business:

- Welcome Mass will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at the 9:30am Mass, with refreshments following in the vestibule. Members of the Council are asked to attend and assist with the refreshments.
- The Knights of Columbus are planning to bring a one-man play, with Wayne Messner, to St. Eugene Church sometime during Lent. The play is about Father Damian, the leper priest in Hawaii. There will be no cost to the Parish – the Knights will absorb all the costs. Schedules will be looked at and dates set in the future – this would be a one-night performance, and maybe a matinee on the same day if the demand is there.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at 7:00pm, in Room 110, at which time election of officers will be held.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary