

St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Attendees: Rev. George Koeune, Kathleen Kon, Maria Russo, Dan Bowery, Erica Dillon, Rita Kopf, Tony Mion, Terri Swiderski, Millisa Vasich, and Pat Wagner

Absent: Carolyn Edwards and Maria Salvador.

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

Open Forum: No one present for open forum.

Approval of Minutes: A correction was noted in the minutes from April 28, 2015 – Cardinal “Bernadin” should be changed to Cardinal “George.” Terri Swiderski moved that the minutes be approved, as corrected, and motion was seconded by Maria Russo. Corrected minutes will be placed in the binder for official records.

Pastor’s Report by Father George:

- Sad news of Father Feller’s passing away.
- Pictures of how the playground will look were passed around. Surface will be wood chips because the rubberized surface would be too expensive. Cost as pictured will run \$52,300.
- The Archdiocese has approved the cell tower project. We will be receiving approximately \$27,000 per year as rent for use of our space in the parking lot.
- Fall speakers will include Sister Belinda Monahan, an archaeologist, who will speak on ancient peoples and cultures and their contact with God (October 14, 2015); and Mike Aquilina (October 21, 2015).

Commission Report – Education Commission: Erica Dillon

- End of school year activities were shared.
- Mass and reception for Dr. Brown and Mrs. Sedivec will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2015.
- Football Mania tickets are available in the school office, \$25 each.
- Fundraiser was held for the Golden Family at the Draft Bar on Irving Park.
- One Chance Illinois is the organization that is spearheading obtaining a tax refund credit/scholarship money, through the Archdiocese of Chicago. This will be throughout the whole state, not just Chicago. They are trying to get it incorporated into the budget as opposed to making it a separate piece of legislation. Next step will be instructions to be put into the bulletin on how to contact your legislators, etc.

Commission Report – Spiritual Life Commission: Terry Swiderski

- Summer schedule for the altar servers has been given out.
- Decorating committee will be putting up Ordinary Time in two weeks
- Ministry of Care training sessions have been completed.
- We are still in need of ushers.

Commission Report – Parish Life: Tony Mion

- Knights of Columbus honored 47 altar servers at a pizza lunch on May 12, 2015.
- Planning for Corpus Christi Sunday is under way.
- St. Vincent De Paul clothing drive was successful with almost two trailers filled.

Old Business:

- Orange Ribbons – People of the Cross Movement (name the terrorists are calling the people they are murdering for their religious beliefs). From Joanna Portenlanger -- with the help of parishioners, over 1,000 ribbons have been distributed. Information has been sent out to some of the suburbs and other states – as far away as San Diego, California.
- There are three slots open on the Parish Pastoral Council. There were 11 nominations and three people have accepted these nominations – three slots to be filled -- so no election will be necessary. The three are: Sal Sparacino, Betty Urbaszewski, and Jim Schmitt.
- Blood drive was held on Sunday, May 24, 2015, in the Church parking lot.

New Business:

- Welcome Mass will be postponed until the Fall.
- Shroud of Turin Exhibit, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on August 7, 8, and 9, 2015.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 7:00pm, in Room 110.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary