

St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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

Absent: None

Father George opened the meeting at 6:30pm with a prayer.

Pastor's Report by Father George:

- Thank you to everyone for all the help given at the St. Joseph's Table. It's always an incredible event.
- Also, a big thank you to everyone for Father Bob's Farewell Reception after Mass. Father Bob was very happy and surprised at the big turnout.
- Father George met with four potential principals for St. Eugene School – it's an important decision for the church as well as the school as it is a "Catholic" school and the Catholic faith/teachings play an important part in the education of the students.
- The Archdiocese office has called and indicated that they do want to have the cell tower erected.

Open Forum: No one present for open forum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Wagner to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Edwards.

Commission Report – Education Commission: Erica Dillon

- Janet Kusinski indicated that they hope to have a decision on the new principal soon.
- The Spring Roundup will be held on April 25, 2015, and they are looking for silent auction items.
- Confirmation will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015; ribbon Mass for eighth graders will be April 22, 2015; First Communion will be May 2, 2015; and May Crowning on May 15, 2015.
- Fourth and fifth graders and Verbum Dei sisters will be having a retreat on Monday, March 30, 2015.
- All-school St. Joseph's Table was held on March 19, 2015, and the money that was raised (\$3 per student attending) went to Make a Wish Foundation and the Misericordia Home.

Commission Report – Spiritual Life Commission: Terry Swiderski

- New altar servers are being recognized at the Masses.
- New Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ministers of Care were mandated at the 9:30am Mass this past Sunday.
- Decorating Committee is getting ready for Easter.
- The sacristans are looking for replacements for two people who are retiring.
- Verbum Dei Sisters have a dinner dance coming up in April. Tickets are available in the rectory. Will benefit the retired sisters and some other work they are doing.

Commission Report – Parish Life: Tony Mion

- Knights of Columbus Fish Fries were very successful. We got some amazing help from the school. We are all set up for next year at St. Eugene's with all new equipment. Knights of Columbus are looking for additional dates for next year and would use one of them for a Bread and Soup Supper for parishioners in the Shaunessy Center, on a Friday night. Everyone attending would have a monastic dinner of soup and bread and then go to the Stations of the Cross together. This would be at no cost to the parishioners. This is still in the discussion stage, and has been run by Father George.
- St. Joseph Table went amazingly well and was very well organized, as usual. Head count was 597. Final numbers are being crunched and wrap-up meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Proceeds are going to St. Vincent DePaul Society.
- St. Vincent DePaul members will be distributing Easter flowers on Saturday, March 28, 2015, to homebound or shut-in parishioners.
- Sock Hop will be Saturday, April 18, 2015, and this will possibly be the last time to see Dick Biondi since he is 83 years of age and is cutting back on his commitments. Altar & Rosary members will again provide typical sock hop refreshments – sloppy Joe's, malts, etc.
- Knights of Columbus are having an awards night for those who were winners in the poster contest – Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse – and for the essay contest, probably at the end of April.
- Knights of Columbus will honor all St. Eugene altar servers with a pizza lunch on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Old Business:

- Mass for Father Bob went well and he was very happy.
- All pictures and bios have been submitted. Thank you to Carolyn Edwards for taking such great pictures, as usual.

New Business:

- In April we will be requesting nominations for the two open positions on the Pastoral Council. Nomination forms will be in the bulletin sometime after Easter with a cut-off date around the second week of May.
- The Pastoral Council is asked by the school to be available to help at the reception for Dr. Pat Brown's retirement on Sunday, May 31, 2015. This reception will also honor Ms. Barbara Sedivec, our science teacher, who will be retiring after approximately 19 years of service to St. Eugene School.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00pm in Room 110.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary