

St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2016

Attendees: Rev. George Koeune, Carolyn Edwards, Maria Russo, Rita Kopf, Dan Bowery, Erica Dillon, Kathleen Kon, Tony Mion, Jim Schmitt, Sal Sparacino, Terri Swiderski, and Pat Wagner.

Absent: Betty Urbaszewski-Gebhart

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

Open Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: No meeting was held in February. Sal Sparacino made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting, as distributed, and motion was seconded by Jim Schmitt.

Pastor's Report: Father George's report on Parish concerns will be covered in New Business. He is recuperating nicely from his hospitalization and feels he is now in good health with diet and exercise.

Commission Report – Parish Life – Pat Wagner:

- St. Vincent DePaul Society distributed 61 turkeys at Thanksgiving, 45 flower arrangements and 55 canned ham dinners at Christmas to needy families in the Parish. The turkeys and hams were provided by the Jewel stores at Lawrence/ Cumberland and Harlem/Foster.
- There were 414 Christmas gifts collected for Our Lady of Mercy.
- 40 Easter floral arrangements are being distributed.
- A request for assistance was made from Our Lady Mother of the Church and financial help was provided for a bill that was overdue.

Commission Report – Education – Erica Dillon:

- St. Joseph's Table was held on March 18; Confirmation on March 18; Mom's Not Cooking Night at Rocco Vito/Vince's on April 11; Open House on April 12.
- The school has a new Facebook page and we are asked to check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/steugeneschoolchicago>.
- "College Days" fundraiser will be held on April 30, with a silent auction, as well as the drawing for the Parish raffle.
- Eight students were sent to the Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) Region 2 Science Fair at the Museum of Science & Industry on March 5. Jaclyn McGreevey (Gr. 7) is advancing to the IJAS State Science Fair at Milliken University, in Decatur, on May 14.
- Cub scouts received Light of Christ medal and held their pinewood derby.
- "Super Alumni Days XXIV" were held the weekend of February 26, 27, and 28, with many fun events being held throughout the weekend.

Old Business:

- Refugee Resettlement Collections was a large success. The Bride's Room was literally packed. Brother Joe had to make two trips to get everything back to Catholic Charities, and everyone was extremely grateful.
- 501 guests attended the St. Joseph's Table on March 12. The proceeds amounted to \$3,967, sponsorship dollars amounted to \$3,905, giving us a total of \$7,872. Expenses have not been completed yet but should amount to about \$2,300. Overall net was approximately \$5,500.

New Business:

- Financial update for parish concerns -- Father George presented information updating the progress of facilities projects throughout the Parish. Present problems completed or in process include repairing chimney over the boiler room of School (completed), repair of water leak in Convent (in process), electrical problem with garage needing new conduit trench (completed), repair of sewer collapse (completed), and asphalt patching (projected for this Spring). A special collection will be held on April 2-3 for repair of our electronic sign (\$25,000 is needed, \$10,000 gifted). Capital projects from list created a while back and that have been completed include New HVAC for the Church (\$90,000), automatic door for disabled in Church (\$10,000), concrete/sidewalk repair (\$3,000), and emergency lighting in School (\$5,000). Other projects will need to be completed or put on hold as monies coming in allow.
- Security Concerns – Carolyn Edwards presented information regarding a You-Tube video "Run, Hide, Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event." A discussion was held regarding lock-down procedures and further information will be obtained from the principal and law enforcement regarding training in the School.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7:00pm, in Room 110.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary