

St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Attendees: Rev. George Koeune, Carolyn Edwards, Maria Russo, Rita Kopf, Erica Dillon, Betty Urbaszewski-Gebhart, Tony Mion, Jim Schmitt, Sal Sparacino, Terri Swiderski, and Pat Wagner.

Absent: Dan Bowery and Kathleen Kon.

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

Open Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: Jim Schmitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting, as distributed, and motion was seconded by Sal Sparacino.

Pastor's Report:

- Catholic Charities is looking for a really good collection for Mother's Day because their funds still have not come through from the State and they will have to start cutting services. Please keep praying for the State budget to be passed.
- Father O'Brien would like to live here at St. Eugene's after he returns from his trip to Ireland. There is a new Pastor at St. Monica's and it is the policy of the Archdiocese that the former Pastor/Administrator vacate the premises for at least six months. Starting in September, Father O'Brien will be living at St. Eugene's as Pastor Emeritus, but he will not be doing any ministries here since he does go to help out at several other parishes and also helps out at the airport. We have a really full house right now.
- Archbishop Cupich announced that he wants the Pastors of St. Monica, Immaculate Conception, St. Thecla, and St. Eugene to work together and arrange to share resources. Father George and the other Pastors will be having a meeting on May 6, 2016, to see how these goals can be accomplished. It may affect the Parish Councils working together in the future.
- One additional bid is coming in for the electronic sign and we should be signing a contract next week. We have all the money for the sign, but it will take about eight weeks before the sign is functional.
- No matter what group is hosting an event in the Parish's name, it is important that input be received by the Parish Council from that group. PPC should be aware of all functions, whether held on parish premises or at outside venues, and support them as we can. Communication is the important factor here.

Commission Report – Parish Life – Pat Wagner:

- Knights of Columbus will be having their awards night.
- Pizza lunch for the altar servers will be held on May 10, 2016.

Commission Report – Education – Erica Dillon:

- College Days on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Cash raffle tickets still available. There is electronic bidding available for the silent auction.
- Summer activities include Sports/Craft Camp, Vacation Bible School, Computer Camp, and Volleyball Camp.
- Last call for Campbell Soup labels through the month of May. Continue to clip and send in General Mills Box-Tops for Education to earn extra money for the school.
- Grades 3-8 continue to work in Code.org to learn how to write computer code.

Commission Report – Human Concerns – Terri Swiderski:

- St. Vincent DePaul will be holding its clothing drive on the weekend of May 14-15, 2016. They are desperately in need of able-bodied individuals to volunteer to help load the truck.
- Pro-Life Committee will be selling Mother's Day floral bouquets after all the Masses on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8, 2016 (except for the 4:30pm Mass on Sunday).

Old Business:

Security issues – Carolyn spoke with the principal, Ms. Scotkovsky, regarding the You-Tube video “Run, Hide, Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event.” Ms. Scotkovsky will discuss this topic with the faculty over the summer months.

New Business:

Nominations are open for the two positions on the Pastoral Council – Kathleen Kon and Pat Wagner have reached the end of their second three-year term. Deadline date posted in the bulletin for nominations is May 12, 2016.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 7:00pm, in the Rectory Meeting Room.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary