

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 28, 2020

Present: Anne Brosmer, Ann Rasche, Jane Gehlhausen, Tracie Ihle, Van Ziegler, Lynn Scheu, Pam Freyberger, Fr. Eugene, Patty Brosmer, Fr. Homero, Max Verkamp, Bridgette Bartley, Jason Messmer, Dan Fritch, Chris Wickman, Moises Basilio (via online)

Absent: Jacqueline Ripberger, Anna Hayden, Jerry Birge, Carmen Miranda, Maricela Angeles, Mike Hagerdon, Ben Schwenk, Fr. Andrew

Opening Prayer – Chris Wickman led us in prayer

The 7:05 pm meeting was called to order by Anne Brosmer.

June Minutes had been approved online.

- Fr. Eugene commented that under Liturgy it should be noted that the Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 6:00 pm Masses also have music and a cantor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Brute Society Nominations** – *Jane Gehlhausen*

- a. List of previous recipients from our parish had been distributed by Jane. There were no 2019 recipients.
- b. This year St. Joseph can recognize up to 6 individuals/couples & selections will be made at the August Council Meeting.

2. **10th Street School Update** – *Fr. Eugene*

- a. The school corporation plans on demolishing the school building and building a parking lot on site at their cost. The parish retains rights to Ruxer Field and the parking lot if the school corporation vacates the property.
- b. Agreement has been forwarded to the Diocese for approval.
- c. Timing of demolition is not known at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Evangelization & Outreach** – *Fr. Eugene*

- a. Have done the food distribution 3 times.
 - i. Will continue on every other Wednesday. Currently scheduled through August.
 - ii. Has been successful.

2. **Parish Strategic Plan Structure (Organization Chart & Restructure of Commissions)** – *Fr. Eugene & Dan Fritch*

- a. Shared the new org chart of Commissions/Sub-Commissions/Staffing and their new responsibilities.
 - i. Goal is to align this new structure with the output from the new strategic plan and its goals.
- b. Need to determine where Respect Life fits best or how it works across the various commissions.
 - i. Will discuss further at the next meeting.
- c. Asked council members to let Anne know over the next week of any other feedback on the structure.
 - i. Other items mentioned were the picnic, bazaar, quilts, etc.
 - ii. Suggested looking at the calendar for the Parish Center to capture potential missing items
- d. Council by-laws will need to be revised to reflect the finalized structural changes

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported*

- Yearend Financial Review
 - Budgeted Income \$1,489,640
 - Actual Income \$1,459,661
 - Variance (\$29,979)

 - Budgeted Expenses \$1,489,640
 - Actual Expenses \$1,523,244
 - Variance (\$33,604)

- Sunday Collections
 - 2020 53 collections \$1,055,439 Average \$19,913.95
 - 2019 54 collections \$1,106,964 Average \$20,499.34
- 2020 CPC Assessment \$310,085
 - 2020 Assessment is \$15,639.00 less than 2019 assessment of \$325,724
 - Total shortfall of 2019 CPC was \$69,802
 - Looking at a September time frame to kick-off of the 2020 CPC. Asking Fr Andrew to do the weekend talk.
- 2020-2021 Holy Trinity Budget is \$300,000 compared to \$323,640 in 2019
- 5th Street Property is listed for sale. Value \$199,000 to \$179,000
- Release Time Transportation
 - Approved the purchase of used Mini Bus 2015/41K Miles – approx. \$30,000
- Building and Grounds Committee Policy and Guidelines were reviewed and approved
 - Tom Betz will represent the Finance Committee
- Looking to fill a vacant spot on the Finance Committee

EDUCATION: *Tracie & Pam reported*

- Release Time is scheduled to start Monday, August 31st. Registrations for release time will be open soon.
- Registrations for middle/high school religious education will start mid-August with 1st class on September 15th.
- Bishop Siegel will be consecrating the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, September 12th, Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary. He has asked for parishes/individuals to do the same.
- Renovations are currently in process for La Casa Saint Joseph.
 - Big thank you to many individuals for their efforts to renovate the building.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported*

- Respect Life is gathering to pray on Saturdays at the grotto after Mass.
- Working on an idea to create a shelter for girls/women to stay when they have nowhere to turn and are pregnant.
 - Long term project.

LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported*

- Back pack blessings will occur for all students in August. Teachers and administrators will also receive a blessing.
- Continue to need more assistance at Funeral Masses and Weddings with COVID related activities.

YOUTH:

- No report.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- Nothing to report.

DEBRIEF OF PROCESS: *Van led*

- Good discussion on the new structure of the organization and everyone appreciated the visuals.
- Likes having the documents in advance to review and better prepare for the meeting.
- Challenge of setting up the Zoom call. Also, challenges for those on the call to hear what was said in the meeting.
- Temperature in the room was warm.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Thank you to Chris Wickman for his service to the parish over the summer. His last week with us is this week.
- Jerry Birge sent a message sharing that he enjoyed his time on the Council and wished everyone the best.
- Wonderful funeral Mass for Deacon Levi this past weekend.
- Lynn has a 12th grandbaby

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eugene led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **August 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm** in Kundek Hall.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp