

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2020

**Present:** Anne Brosmer, Dan Fritch, Anna Hayden, Jerry Birge, Lynn Scheu, Ann Rasche, Bridgette Bartley, Anna Hayden, Patty Brosmer, Ben Schwenk, Fr. Eugene, Moises Basilio, Tracie Ihle, Nicholas Hernandez, Fr. Andrew, Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Mike Hagerdon, Carmen Miranda, Pam Freyberger,

**Absent:** Fr. Homero, Jacqueline Ripberger, Scott Brandt, Max Verkamp, Greg Fuhs

**Guests:** None

**Opening Prayer** – Anne shared a prayer that we all did together

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Anne Brosmer.

xxxx made a motion to approve, and xxxx seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Nov 26, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved.

## **New Business**

1. **Fr Eugene** – encouraging prayer more, becoming more of a Mary. We often are doers but simply being in prayer. Pam brought this to Father's attention. She brought 3 books to consider – How to pray the Rosary, using it more than a devotional, a book on how to spend a holy hour, and another book on how to bring God and prayer into our busy lives.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Evangelization & Outreach** – *Mike reported*

- Tomorrow night is the largest training of Stephen ministers that there has been. This will help lessen the load on those currently serving. Some have 3 care receivers.

### **2. Monthly, Holy Days, Ash Wednesday Mass Counts** - *Scott Brandt*

- Jane shared counts from Christmas masses
- New Year's Eve counts 4pm 515, 6am no count, 8am 216, 10am 383

### **3. Send Census Form to all Parishioners (early February)** – *Jane Gehlhausen*

- Early February forms will go out with a letter from Fr. Eugene. People can mail in or sign up on line. Last one about 15 yrs ago.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

### **FINANCE:** *Dan reported.*

- Met on financing of renovation project – how to approach fund raising. They decided to do it internally.
- Renovation milestone update - going to work on parish renovation communication to explain the project. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. April 15 will present to diocese. April 30<sup>th</sup> will be at diocese to talk about financials for renovation.
- Holy Trinity – looking at what does yr 6 & 7 look like. Finance group has a suggestion to present to Holy Trinity. This weekend at 11am mass will have a focus on Holy Trinity. Will be doing a coffee and conversation at some point and other types of outreach to our parish. At the 11am mass they will also be selling raffle tickets for the jeep.

### **EDUCATION:** *Tracie reported*

- Little Flowers girls club started up last Wed. Girls were very excited to get started
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Fatima pilgrimage statue is coming to St. Joseph.
- Totus Tuus week has been set for June 22-26, will do something separate for preschool children. Totus Tuus is a group that comes in to do the week. They will do grades 1-6 during the day and grades 7-12 in evenings.
- Education committee made a recommendation last night. It will be going to Fr. Eugene and then to Finance Commission and then come to Parish Center.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS:** *Lynn reported.*

- Angel Tree: 174 families served
- Rose reported - Gave 300-400 Christmas cards to residents & shut in's
- 9 Days for Life novena started today 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Rosary & Adoration Wed 1/22 6-8pm every 30 min
- The Bishop is leading a mass in Ferdinand Wed. night for the youth going on pilgrimage to Washington DC

**LITURGY:** *Fr. Eugene reported:*

- Van asked if there has been any discussion about getting more young singers involved and do more up-tempo songs. Paula was going to talk to the groups about it ex: at 6pm. There are mixed feelings about how far to go with the music. Mike suggested to talk to our youth to find out what they think about what the music should be like in mass. Van shared that the you will be singing twice a month as of March when the mass times change.
- Fr. Reminded everyone about the mission. He will be here to preach the weekend of Feb 15/16. He will do mission for Latino community Feb 17-18. English Feb 19-20.

**YOUTH:** *Anna reported:*

- Jacqueline had her little boy Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Youth sang Christmas Carols to shut in's in Dec.
- Hockey game was well attended
- Jan 20 Steve U. gave a presentation on Respect Life and watched Unplanned movie. It was a small group, but it was good. The group decided to make a TicToc account for Respect Life.
- Praying for Shawn Seger & his family and Madison Heim and her family

**INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY:** *Moises reported*

- Held the Posadas
- Enjoyed their traditional Christmas celebrations
- Participating in Rosary for Respect Life Wed 1/22
- Having 2 retreats in Washington IN (1 ladies and 1 men)
- They are having difficulty in their community with cancer. They are doing a sale on Feb 22 to raise funds to support a woman with cancer. They will receive any help you want to give, time, talent or financial.
- Starting to prepare for presentation of The Passion.
- Wednesday nights there are classes here at the parish center teaching English

**HOLY TRINITY:** *Anne reported*

- Read report out sent via email, no questions raised

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** *Anne reported*

- Working on 4 Pillars and finalizing the plan, no questions raised

**DEBRIEF OF PROCESS:** *Van led*

- +Looked ahead to plan for next meeting
- +Had some good conversation about the topics, we should be able to have candid conversations and not be afraid to share
- +The committee went from just a tell meeting to a discussion group.
- +Reminder that anything said in this room stays in this room.
- -No Food

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Grace said the one thing she missed as she goes to high school – Catholic Schools Week. There is so much involved in that week.
- Just made badges for Directors of German Club. These badges made a big impact in getting input. Van got 5-6 emails of suggestions – have we forgotten to get these for parish council members? Anne took action to work on this.
- Bridgette shared an experience she had when visiting a different church. How they were greeted. How friendly they were. What their culture was like.
- Van asked how usher training went. Ask Scott to speak to this in the next meeting.

**Closing Prayer:**

The next meeting will be **March 3 at 7:00 pm** in room 303.

Suggestion was made that Renovation Committee that is here with us March 3rd will be dismissed before discussing recommendation for release time education next school year.

**Submitted by:** Lynn Scheu