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St. Eugene Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Attendees: Rev. George Koeune, Kathleen Kon, Maria Russo, Carolyn Edwards, Rita Kopf, Tony Mion, Terri Swiderski, and Pat Wagner

Absent: Dan Bowery, Erica Dillon, Maria Salvador, and Millisa Vasich.

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

Open Forum: No one present for open forum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Wagner to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting. Motion was seconded by Tony Mion.

Pastor's Report by Father George:

- Met with the New Toys playground person who brought brochures which are being reviewed.
- New principal, highly regarded by the Archdiocese – Catherine Scotkovsky.
- Going away Mass for Dr. Brown and Ms. Sedivec is May 31, 2015. The school is taking the lead on the reception but any help we can give would be appreciated.

Commission Report – Human Concerns Commission: Carolyn Edwards

- Pro-Life Committee is having a flower sale for Mother's Day – Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
- Proceeds from the baby bottle project amounted to \$5,223.
- As reported by Terri Swiderski, Bill SB 8564 is being presented to the Senate – this bill would make Pregnancy Care Centers discuss so-called “benefits” of abortion and provide information on where to obtain abortions. It would require doctors to facilitate abortions for any reason and at any time, thus violating a person's constitutional right of free speech and conscience. This bill illustrates the abortion industry's switch from choice to coercion. This information will appear in our church bulletin.

Commission Report – Education Commission: Pat Wagner

- Per email from Erica Dillon, school highlights were shared --
- First Communion, May Crowning, Mass for Dr. Brown and Ms. Sedivec, sports photos and sports banquet, 8th graders celebrating with Young at Heart Club, and graduation.

Commission Report – Spiritual Life Commission: Terry Swiderski

- Decorating Committee will be changing banners and flowers to Ordinary Time.
- Ministry of Care has five people registered for training.

- Orange ribbon campaign – “orange is the new color of martyrdom”. Wearing of orange (ribbon) shows solidarity with the suffering Church by wearing the same color as the jump suits worn by the captives beheaded by the terrorist group ISIS. And draws attention to the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters. Information regarding the Orange Ribbon Campaign will be posted in the weekly bulletin. Discussion was held regarding availability of “orange ribbons” for parishioners wishing to participate, or supplying information on where they could be purchased.

Commission Report – Parish Life: Tony Mion

- St. Vincent DePaul Society delivered spring flowers to 40 parishioners who were homebound on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.
- Knights of Columbus’ Sock Hop went very well, and special thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society for providing the refreshments.
- Members of the Knights of Columbus Council were part of the all-night honor guard for Cardinal George at Holy Name Cathedral.
- Knights of Columbus will host an awards night, at St. Monica’s, for all the programs sponsored throughout the year, and a pizza party will be held for the altar servers on May 12, 2015.

Old Business:

List of ten people nominated for the two slots on the Parish Pastoral Council was distributed. Voting on the final list of nominees saying “yes” will be at the May meeting.

New Business:

- Anointing of the Sick Mass on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at 1:00pm.
- Blood drive on Sunday, May 24, 2015.
- Reception for Dr. Brown and Ms. Sedivec is on May 31, 2015 after the 11:30am Mass. We will just need to be present to help out wherever we may be needed.
- Date of next Welcome Mass will be verified and announced at the next meeting.
- Minutes of PPC meetings will be kept in a binder as official reports of the meetings.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Kopf, PPC Secretary