

The Parish of St. Eugene Pastoral Council Minutes February 2, 2010

Attending: Father Ed Sheridan, Deacon Mike Zboyovski, Traci Davis (Chair), Gary Roberts (Vice-Chair), Mechelle Kobar (Secretary), Charlie Krug, Dan Brown, Jim Christian, Tom Kotz, Carol Jordan and Tommy Brooks

Absent:

The meeting took place in the Conference Room and started at 6:05 p.m. with a prayer by Tom Kotz.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Finance Update:** Our offertory has taken a hit due to the inclement weather. It is recommended that parishioners sign up for automatic deduction. The Finance Council will meet to go over the 6 month report. It was suggested that it may be time to make a plea to parishioners for an increase in offering.
- **Overflow Lot:** The closing of this lot has gone relatively smoothly with only a few cars continuing to park in the lot but no complaints.
- **DSA:** Depending on weather and attendance, the DSA DVD will be shown the first full attendance weekend available. Our assessment for 2010 is \$65,344.00 which is down from 2009. In 2009 we had a shortage of \$3,000.00 which came out of our general fund. This year we will follow the Diocesan routine. If we have an overage it will be divided between St. Eugene's Faith Formation, the SEY Mission Trip and the Asheville Catholic Scholarship fund. A letter will go out from the Diocese as well as a note in our bulletin.
- **Tax Statements:** Parishioners annual tax statements will be printed February 3, 2010. Due to cost increases with mailings, the reports will be available on request to pick up in the office or to be mailed.
- **Music Minister Update:** This decision is anticipated to be made and announced soon. The only problem is budget concerns for salary. This position will include Children's and Youth Choir.
- **Latino Community Update (Valentine's Day):** This event was put on hold due to conflict of the CSS Gala on February 13, 2010. There may be a Fiesta in May. Our next Social will be a St. Patrick's Day Celebration sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians with support from the Knights of Columbus. The proceeds will go to the St. Eugene Youth Mission Trip. Also, the Hispanic Community will host a Kid's Day on April 25, 2010 with a meal and activities.
- **Youth Mission Trip/Fundraiser Update:** The Youth ranging from 8th grade thru 12th grade will be participating in a Mission Trip to Bluffton, SC in July 2010. Fundraising will include: selling miles for \$10.00 each to sponsor this trip. The progress of this endeavor will be posted on our Bulletin Board for all to see. We will also have a Bake Sale on Super Saturday, help the Knights of Columbus with a Fish Fry and end with a Car Wash. We hope to raise approximately \$6,000.00 to cover costs and travel.
- **Church Maintenance/Marshall:** We do not have a date for Marshall's return as of yet. In the mean time, Ken Queen will be filling in 2 days a week and Mike Redden will also help out. Also, the Knights of Columbus have stepped up to help out as needed.

- **Other:**

- **Catholic Schools Week:** With school being out for days due to inclement weather, this week has been shortened which affected some of the celebrations. Also, the students were to be recognized the weekend before, so this was postponed until we have a full church.
- **Progressive Dinner:** This is a work in progress by 2 volunteer parishioners. It will be announced soon.
- **Lent:** Lent starts February 17, 2010. The Education Committee is actively working on an Education Program for this season. Also, there will be an English and Hispanic Stations of the Cross service.
- **Ash Wednesday:** Father Ed is trying to come up with a schedule that he can manage. With 4 possible services this would be a very long day. A suggestion was made to ask for help from Father Pagle. Father Ed will call Father Pagle to check on his availability.
- **Hymnal Books:** The churches worship hymnals are falling apart. Due to budget concerns this issue will be discussed at a later date.
- **Scout Sunday:** February 7th is Scout Sunday. All Scouts to include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Webelos, Cub Scouts and Brownies are encouraged to attend Mass proudly wearing their uniforms. They will be called forward at Mass to receive a special Blessing.

- **Closing:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Mechelle Kobar

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm.