

Saint Edward Pastoral Council Minutes

March 25, 2021

Members Present: Father Walter Stumpf, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Patrick Berg, Kim Goffard, Tim Lamers, Tim Pitsch, Alley Salm, Jane Varick

Members not present: Steve Cove, Tommy Fassbender

Guests present from Finance Council: Erin Ebben, Liz Harp, Doug Hawley, Nicole Harp Pitsch, Terry Woelfel with Dave Pierre and Lynn Wildenberg virtually.

Opening Prayer led by Father Walter.

Parish Mission Planning Committee. Patrick Berg gave a report on the goals reached by this committee. He listed the metrics, the point person, the human and financial resources needed and the timeline for each goal. The goals were:

- 1. To increase growth in the number of parish contributing units by 15% over 3 years and to increase school and NE enrollment by 5% each year over the next 3 years.**
- 2. Create, develop, and implement a marketing plan within three years.**
- 3. To expand the use of technology as a missionary tool.**
- 4. Increase engagement by 10% in volunteer and ministry areas that include multiple generations and families.**

To approve these four goals, a vote was taken of all members present of both councils both in-person and virtually. It was approved unanimously to accept all four goals.

The members of the Finance Council were dismissed and the meeting of the Pastoral Council was continued.

The minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting were read. Motion was made by Kim Goffard and seconded by Patrick Berg to accept the minutes. All approved.

Father suggested that next year we should vote on approving the minutes of the yearly Joint Council meeting at the next meeting instead of waiting a year for the next joint meeting. The Finance Council should also vote on this at their next meeting.

Deacon Jeff gave his Deacon's Report:

Sacramental Prep: He is working with candidates for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. He is also working with 2 couples who will be married this year.

He continues to make home visits to parishioners who are home bound and to those living in Senior Living Homes. He has now been approved to offer Communion Services at these senior homes.

To answer a question from last month's meeting, he listed that new parishioners are given a box of envelopes, a book on parish history, a current bulletin and if Jeff meets with them in person, he offers them any volunteering opportunities that may be available.

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1. Worship
 - a. Stations of the Cross, stellar attendance, in person and streaming
 - b. Rodgers Church organ, Inspire series, conversation with Val Bartlein, March 11 **the parish will be offering a field trip after Easter to view an organ like the one we are looking at in Maribel.**
 - c. We have instructions for celebrating Holy Week
2. Education
 - a. Conversation with Philip Riley, president of Saint Francis Xavier schools March 19
 - b. Principal and teacher contracts
3. Stewardship/finance
 - a. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet) **up 1% from last year**
 - b. PPP loan one has been forgiven. PPP loan two is in our bank account.
 - c. School budget sub-committee- Terry, Nicole and Liz
 - d. Buildings and grounds
 - i. Preventive maintenance and project priority log
 - ii. Narthex and Saint Nicholas room lighting upgrade is in the design stage. (Pete Hofacker and Lighting by Design)
 - e. Bishop's Appeal kick-off Feb. 7th. Our goal is \$37,794. We are at 75%, **now at 80%**. Let's reach our goal by April 25!
4. Living Justice, Dignity of the human person, Dignity of work, Solidarity with the poor
 - a. World's Poor collection: \$905 **now \$1110**
 - b. Mothers' Day rose sale.
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive
 - a. Parish Mission Planning team presents goals to the councils.
 - b. Pier Mackville

A discussion was had concerning how to deal with increased number of people expected at the Easter Sunday 8:45 am Mass. We will add chairs wherever possible, especially in the back of church and in the Narthex. Father suggested that, if the weather is good, we could have chairs for people to sit outside, leaving the doors open. Ushers will help people in seating and using the middle spaces in pews where it is available. We will still encourage social distancing.

It was suggested that the First Goal of the Parish Mission Planning Committee be reworded to “To increase growth in the number of parish contributing **family units.....”**

The word family was added to make it seem less of just a monetary unit. This was approved. Patrick will submit these goals to the Diocesan office for approval.

Meeting was closed with prayer led by Deacon Jeff.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Varick