

JOINT MEETING OF ST. EDWARD PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

ATTENDEES: Father Robert, Deacon Jeff, Darlene Hansen, JoAnn Krueger, Rae Ryan, Kim Goffard, Tim Pitsch, Merle Verhagen, Tom Pethan, Tim Westphal, Nicole Pietsch & Pat Coonen

Opening Prayer recited by all members

Lectio Divina led by Father Robert and followed by discussion.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father Robert has a new phone number: 920-750-9258

Father Robert wanted this earlier meeting so we can look ahead to seeing what we need to do next year. He would like feedback on what we see happening regarding the office, school or parish to plan for future needs. Do we need any changes or improvements?

DEACON'S REPORT

Deacon Jeff continues to do 10 to 15 per week in homes and assisted living. There were 13 baptisms since January 1st. He is working with 1 more couple for wedding preparation for this year and 6 of 7 couples for next year. Continuing to do hospitality when meeting with funeral families and helping to get records for plot sales of the cemetery. Server training continues and there will be a fall training session. A couple of people from outside the parish asked if their children could be servers.

FINANCE

Comparing fiscal years things are stable but less money is coming in than 2023. For the first 2 months of this financial year, it is up 130%. Investment accounts are doing well. Fundraisers are doing well with \$188,000 net income. Starting in July \$10,000 each month for one year will be moved into the building grounds investment account. The average contribution per family is less than last year but more families are contributing.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

School heating systems and electric systems have been upgraded. Budget has approved replacement of nine furnaces in the church in the next three years. Carpets will be installed in the school over the next couple of years. Bathrooms in the school are to be remodeled in the next couple of years.

SCHOOL NEWS

There are 62 students this year. There are 16 in 3K and there is a waiting list. All staff are hired except for aftercare. The kindergarten teacher is doing aftercare. The second grade reading program has been updated. A new writing program is being offered for the 3rd through 5th grade. The math program will be revised next year and possibly the religion program. The Home School Committee will be meeting in October, and they will determine the fund raisers for the year. Harvest Moon is coming up and the cost should go down because it is being held at St. Nicholas and there will not be a rental fee. The caterer has been scheduled for Harvest Moon. There will be a change in Home School Board members this year because some terms are up. Donations for Harvest Moon should be brought to the parish office.

DINNER FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Several priests will be attending. Dinner will be catered by Van Abel's. Coffee, milk and lemonade will be offered. Decorations and tablecloths were discussed. The Collom's are coming back to lead the choir. A decorated cake will be provided by Manderfield's along with smaller undecorated cakes. A donation bucket will be set up. Discussion was held regarding a head table/ family table. Tables will be set up the day before.

MARKETING UPDATE

The website needs to be updated. Someone involved in the parish might be interested in working on the website. Discussion was held on getting funds for hiring someone. In the beginning we may need a full-time person, then transition to part-time.

ONE BY ONE CAMPAIGN

The outdoor learning center is complete. We can rent it out for a \$100 security deposit and a \$50 fee. There is money left to be used for tables and benches for the outdoor learning center. The church can be opened for restroom use. We will continue outreach to Vida for the 5-year plan.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Jim and Shari Beck will oversee the choir. Patrick Berg will oversee the music and Kathy Lombardi will get the cantors for the masses.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Discussion was held on funds for the program. At the end of the year the church will pay the outstanding balances through the outreach program.

CARE PACKAGES

Mary Hildebrand brought all the items to church last year and there was an assembly line to put the packages together. Mary took care of sending them out. This worked well.

NEW BUSINESS

Father Robert met with the chancellor of the diocese on September 3rd regarding procedures for lockdown. St. Edward's and St. Nick's will remain open because we are close to the city and are large enough to hold more people. Details will be given in October at the clergy conference and announced to all the priests in the diocese. We were asked to stockpile hosts and wines for up to 3 months and always have some in storage.

Closing prayer by Father Robert.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted by JoAnn Krueger, Secretary