

Saint Edwards Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/27/2022

Attendees: (Present Excused)

Father Robert Chinnapan , Deacon Jeff Hofacker , Kim Goffard , Tim Pitsch , Patrick Berg ,
Merl Verhagen , JoAnn Krueger , Darlene Hansen

Special Guest: Pat Coonen

Opening Prayer was led by Father Robert

Previous Meeting Minutes were approved by the council

Pastor's Report

Father Robert discussed the One-by-One Campaign and indicated that the parish has obtained 77% of our assigned 5-year goal of \$335,000. This campaign will be ending in December. Information folders were sent out to some individuals two weeks ago and many were asked to come to the reception that was on Tuesday 10/25. Attendance to the reception was low and felt to be related to poor weather. Additional receptions have been set up for November 12th and the 13th after mass and Father will continue calling people for pledge support. There will also be pledge cards located in the pews for the general public. Individuals who want to discuss pledges are welcome to call father if he has not personally reached out to them.

Deacon's Report

Deacon Jeff continues with his community outreach activities and also continues to visit people in assisted living, nursing homes. He is also working with two new marriage couples, one baptism family and a funeral this week.

Agenda Topics:

Artifact Display Case

Pat discussed that the parish has artifacts that many within the parish have not seen. Some in the parish think it would be good to display in the gathering area. No decisions have been made.

It was also discussed that this activity could be incorporated into the welcome/information center that was discussed last year as part of the mission planning activity.

Pat indicated that we have one donor committed and another potential donor that will support the artifact display case.

Action Item: The council needs to determine how this ties to our mission plan (Goal 1) and how it will be developed. Pat shall inventory artifacts so we can understand the actual space required to display the items. Pat will also continue to investigate how items can be displayed.

175th Parish Anniversary

Pat provided an update for a subcommittee that she is leading to celebrate the 175th year of the parish. The anniversary occurs in 2024 and is based on when the first mass was celebrated 175 years ago. She provided results of a survey that was conducted with parish members. From the survey, Pat compiled a list of over 40 potential activities. She has requested help with getting others involved with leading some of the events

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suggested. Pat has an individual interested in leading a cemetery walk. She also indicated that Bishop Ricken is scheduled for mass on October 13th 2024 to celebrate the parish anniversary.

Based on the discussion, it was decided that the council will review the list of events and prioritize and paring down the list to something feasible. The proposed list will then be handed over to the Jubilee Committee to find volunteers, determine the schedule and lead the events.

Action Item: Pat will send the proposed list to the council. They will need to review and prioritize the list through email communications. The council needs to come up with a summary prior to the November Joint meeting.

Trunk or Treat

Weather was good and for the second year of Trunk or Treat. It turned out to be a success with over 200 kids and tens cars participating. The date for next year has not yet been set but Patrick will work to get it set in the near future.

Library Update

JoAnn has not met with Jane to go over everything but will set up a meeting in the near future.

Mission Discussion/ Committee Liaison

It was discussed that the council is not currently connected to any of the parish mission committees. It was determined that the council and committees need to be connected and communicating with each other in order to ensure they are properly supported. The council identified the following individuals to be the liaison between the parish council and the committees:

| Committee | Parish Council Liaison |
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| Worship / Music | Father Robert, Deacon Jeff |
| Fish Fry | JoAnn Krueger |
| Harvest Moon | Patrick Berg |
| Home and School | Deacon Jeff |
| Tracker Pull | Tim Pitsch |
| Buildings and Grounds | Deacon Jeff |
| Cemetery | Deacon Jeff |
| Finance Council | Father Robert, Deacon Jeff |
| 175 TH Anniversary | Darleen Hansen |

Bishop Ricken's Pastoral Letter (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)

Father had a meeting at the Green-bay diocese that included participation from all the parishes in the diocese. Bishop Ricken presented his pastoral letter about worshiping Jesus. Father discussed that over the past few years, we have been going through the process of Discover, Follow, Worship and Share. We are currently in the worship phase that will last the next 3 years. We are also going to begin our eucharistic revival throughout the United States which begins 2023. Our phase with worship Jesus falls in line with the United States Bishop conference with reviving the Eucharist. In 2024 there is the Eucharist conference occurring in the Midwest that people from each diocese need to attend and represent their respective diocese at the conferences. Based on preparation for the conferences, Bishop Ricken has published a Pastoral letter that he wants us to

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study. We need to determine how this letter should be introduced to the parish. The letter is 48 pages long and available on line. It also has a complimentary study guide (not online) that is available for group discussions. There are five come alive practices that the bishop wants for us as Catholics to study in order for us to get back to our catholic roots. These practices are: Praying the Rosary, Encountering Jesus in Adoration and Holy Mass, Confession and Lectio Divina.

The diocese expects the rollout to begin with the parish councils and committees and then rolled out further within the parishes.

Action Item:

- Kim to send Tim the link of the letter that can be sent with the minutes and council members can review. [Link to Pastoral Letter](#)
- Kim to invite members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Worship Committees to a meeting after 5:30 mass on Saturday November 12th followed with a Potluck Dinner.
- Kim to contact and invite Amy Froehlich (Adult Faith Formation Leader) so she is aware and can participate.
- Kim will send out a google docs sign-up sheet for the pot luck meal.

The purpose of the meeting is to gain an overview of the letter. Need to determine how this can be rolled out to the parish and identify individuals who can lead the rollout activities.

The meeting was closed by a prayer led by Deacon Jeff

Next Meetings:

- 11/10/22 @ 6PM-JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COUNCIL
- 1/26/23 @ 6:30 PM
- 3/23/23 @ 6:30 PM
- 5/25/23 @ 6:30 PM