



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 6, 2019, 7:00 PM

I. Opening Prayer

II. Parish Mission The mission statement was read aloud by Patsy M, followed by a brief discussion and reaffirmation of the mission statement.

III. Review of Minutes from May Meeting Copies of the minutes were passed out and read by council members, no changes were noted.

IV. Parish Council Member Commissioning Beth noted that most council members had responded positively to the email about the commissioning planned for Masses on Aug 17/18. Since there were only a couple of conflicts, the Commissioning will move forward as planned. Fr. Rick outlined a few details; near the end of each Mass the Parish Council members will be asked to step forward, there will be a few words about the role of the Parish Council, and a blessing of the members. They will also be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful

V. Commission Liaisons The role of the liaisons to each commission was clarified for the new members. They are to work with the Chairs of each commission, assisting with Leadership Night as needed. They are responsible for keeping in communication with the commission as a whole to notify them of Parish Council initiatives, and relating the vision for the parish. Some of these communications may be necessary outside of Leadership Night.

The following pairings were identified:

Patsy M—Community Life	Michelle C—Administration
Randy J—Social Justice	John C—Pastoral Care
Steve M—Faith Formation	Bob McB—Worship

Mike Soderlund and Mike Barg will both be At-Large members.

VI. Gather Planning Fr. Rick noted that there seems to be a good energy and enthusiasm around the event. Questions were posed about the roles of both the commission members and the PC members in the event. Patsy M. outlined these roles according to the handout that had been developed by the event Co-Chairs, including the PC role of sponsoring BINGO. (There will be both paid adult and free children's BINGO.) Patsy will email the list of PC members to connect them with the BINGO team leaders to enable better communication and clear expectations moving forward. Beth S. noted that council members could also attend the weekly Gather meetings on Thursday nights for more information.

Other concerns brought forward were clarifying what "Upscale" meant in regards to the Rummage Sale portion of Gather. This will be addressed in future announcements. A service project was also mentioned as a possibility and concerns about the logistics were raised. Fr. Rick will follow up on this with the Gather event Co-Chairs.

VII. Parish Council Visioning Consultant Beth S has been researching consultants to work with the PC on visioning, communication with the parish and the role the PC and the commissions play. Additional concerns we may want to address are identifying who the church is now, current demographics, evaluating our history, overcoming bad press, appealing to millennials, etc. There was discussion on past consultants and how they impacted the parish. There were also concerns raised about making sure the parish would be involved as a whole, especially if big changes are advised. Some of the ways to involve the parish may be listening sessions, town hall meetings or surveys. Next meeting Beth hopes to have three candidates to consider.

VIII. Archdiocesan Lay Advisory Board (LAB) Update Mike B noted the synod is set to take place in 2020. The intent is to promote healing, evangelization, and facilitate communication between the archdiocese and laity. Listening sessions will begin in September 2019 and continue through March 2020. There is one session scheduled per deanery, with a session scheduled for our deanery at Pax Christi in

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Bob McBeath Co-Chair
John Cotter Pastoral Care
Michelle Cowling Administration
Randy Jenniges Social Justice & Charity
Patsy Murphy Community Life
Steve Madej Faith Formation
Bob McBeath Worship
Michael Soderlund At-Large
Michael Barg At-Large

Ray Sirek Trustee
Peter Smyth Trustee

Fr Rick Banker Pastor
Beth Schorle Parish Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McBeath
Mike Barg
Patsy Murphy
Michelle Cowling
Randy Jenniges
John Cotter
Fr. Rick
Beth Schorle

Staff / Guests:

Celeste Morris Dir. of Communications

January. Parish teams of twelve members will be needed, as well as ten consultation delegates. As our parish representative, Mike will be attending a practice listening session within the next month.

IV. Worship Technology Update The speakers have been installed, and the programming completed. We should have upgraded sound ready for the Assumption Masses. Due to a production delay, the carpeting for choir platform cannot be installed until after Labor Day. One option may be to temporarily install pieces of our current carpeting in that area, and in the back corner where the old music area was located. We are exploring options to re-carpet the entire worship space but at the present, that is not part of the current project's budget.

X. Misc Parish Council In-service/Training will take place at the Archdiocese on September 11 from 7-9pm.

XI. Closing Prayer

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: September 3 at 7:00pm following Mass.