



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2019 7:00 PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Peter Smyth Trustee
Molly Mitch Trustee

Fr Rick Banker Pastor
Beth Schorle Parish Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McBeath
Mike Barg
Patsy Murphy
Randy Jenniges
John Cotter
Steve Madej
Mike Soderlund
Fr. Rick
Beth Schorle

Staff / Guests:

Donna Rubio—Staff Liaison
Sara Niemiec

Sue Kruchten-Admin Assistant/
Receptionist

I. Opening Prayer Bob McBeath

Going forward opening and closing prayer will rotate amongst members. Watch the upcoming meeting agenda for prayer responsibilities.

II. Parish Mission-Excerpt from Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)

Thoughts were shared on the excerpt and how we are called to be witnesses.

III. Review of Minutes from August Meeting Copies of the minutes were passed out and read by council members. Michael submitted one change to page two-in service date changed to September 9 -11, otherwise approved with no further changes.

IV. Catholic Spirit Study-Real Presence After reviewing the article the was question was posed "Where are our parishioners in their belief?"

Michael B felt that within Mass Fr. Rick is good at addressing the real presence. The statistics were different than he had expected.

Mike S. feels that most Catholics don't give it much thought.

Randy suggested that we do more teaching as Mass about the basic teaching of the Catholic church.

Donna suggested that older parishioners believe because it's what they were taught/ told when they were young and younger people have a more watered down version of the faith. She and Patrick Smalley are beginning a Bible study this fall to help bridge the gap and "help people fall in love with Christ".

John stated he believes our parish overall has done very well on educating our parishioners on the real presence and Eucharistic miracles.

Steve suggested that most people don't focus on the real presence and are here for other reasons.

Fr. Rick stated that we need to both educate in the distinguishing factors of the Catholic faith and being welcoming. We don't want to reduce our faith to morality. Father shared some of his experience at Lanciano.

Beth stated that we need to bring our faith experience to those who don't believe.

This topic will be carried forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

VII. Parish Council Visioning Consultant Beth shared 4 potential options to help with our parish visioning, Partners Edge, Jerry Roth & Associates, The Unstuck Group, and The Amazing Parish. She is looking for both consultants & self paced options. She is hopeful we will have more direction after next weeks meeting with the archdiocese. We would start with a parish assessment and have the consultant help us develop and implement an action plan. The goal is to start the consultant selection process at the next meeting.

VIII. Archdiocesan Lay Advisory Board (LAB) Update Mike B met with our fellow deanery representatives. They are working on trying to pull in representatives from Assumption, Nativity and St. Peter's who don't currently have parish councils. Some of the goals of the board will be to improve communication and healing. Their next meeting in October will be with the archdiocese. They are hoping to receive clarification on the role of Parish Ambassador for the Synod. Michael will be our representative at a practice listening session.

VIII. Worship Technology Update Fr. Rick shared that the construction is very close to being completed. Cameras still need to be installed for projection on the screens. The sound is much improved in the main church area but is still being tweaked. Additional speakers and monitors will be added to the sanctuary so Fr. Rick, the lectors, cantor and choir can hear what the congregation hears. It will be a little while before the video is up and going and everyone is trained.

X. Sunday Evening Mass Fr. Rick shared that we will be hosting a 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass in collaboration with St. Bonaventure and Nativity. The details are still being worked out but the plan is for Fr. Rick, Fr. Nathan and Friar Bryan to take turns saying Mass. Donna suggested that each parish provide those ministers for their weekend in order to truly make it a shared experience. Bob offered to help coordinate Eucharistic ministers between the three parishes. If there are any further thoughts or suggestions regarding the Sunday evening Mass contact Fr. Rick.

XI. Closing Prayer provided by John Cotter

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: October 1 at 7:00pm following Mass. Watch the next agenda for prayer assignments.