



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 2019 7:00 PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob McBeath Chair
Steve Madej Vice Chair

John Cotter Pastoral Care
Michelle Cowling Administration
Randy Jenniges Social Justice & Charity
Patsy Murphy Community Life
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Bob McBeath Worship
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Michael Barg At-Large

Peter Smyth Trustee
Molly Mitch Trustee

Fr Rick Banker Pastor
Beth Schorle Parish Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McBeath
Mike Soderlund
Patsy Murphy
Steve Madej
Fr. Rick
Michael Barg
John Cotter
Beth Schorle
Michelle Cowling
Randy Jenniges
Molly Mitch

Staff / Guests:

Donna Rubio—Staff Representative

Maureen Larson - Minute Taker

I. Opening Prayer Steve Madej

II. Faith Sharing: All attendees sharing thoughts, reflections or petitions.

III. Lords Prayer

IV. Review of Minutes from September Meeting:

Approved as read.

V. Activities update: Fr. Rick

Sunday Evening Mass: Will begin December 1 at St. Edward weekly, for a trial period of six months. At that time it will be reevaluated to discern whether it will continue. Friar Brian and Fr. Nathan will participate in offering the Masses on a rotation basis. It is hoped that Nativity and St. Bonaventure will announce the Masses in their respective bulletins.

Additionally, Beth Schorle stated that postcards are going to be sent out to Bloomington residents as well as part of Eden Prairie, inviting them to the Sunday evening Mass. It will also be publicized on Facebook, our parish website and possibly the Sun Current.

The goal is to attract new people (especially youth) and to offer another option for our parish members.

Signage: Fr. Rick, Beth Schorle, and a Signage Committee are planning new signage for the campus. The existing sign will likely be removed and two new lighted Monument signs will be built near the entrances to the upper and lower parking lots.

Faithful Beginnings: nothing to report at this time.

Worship Technology: Essentially completed with some minor adjustments being made.

VI. Parish Annual Report: All

Members shared comments ...the layout is well-done, and discussion about the deficit from last year (170K) and the projected one for the coming year (50K), and how to address that. So far reserves and bequests have been used to cover deficits. There have been about 250 Stewardship commitment cards returned which is consistent for this time.

VII. Parish Council Visioning Partner: Beth Schorle

Lengthy discussion about the partners being considered. There is going to be a survey on the Archdiocesan level, and it wouldn't be wise to do multiple surveys. The consultants being considered each have their own strengths. Beth requested that each member of the council rank the consultants and email her with their opinions. A session has been scheduled for all council members on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 8am-1pm when selected consultants will be evaluated. Each of them will be asked to reply to the same list of questions prior to the meeting to enable the council to make an informed decision.

VIII. Fundraising Policy: Steve M.

The discussion included what needs to be included in a policy to make it flexible enough to work for current and future activities. It needs to take into account things like why do we fund raise? What is our view of fundraising? How much fundraising is appropriate considering there are inside events (e.g. Gather, fish fry, pancake breakfast), outside events (e.g. baby bottle project, scouts sales, daffodils), as well as archdiocesan efforts. Is there room

for exceptions in the policy? What is our view of fundraising? Some time ago the parish established a policy of no fundraisers, but rather encouraged sacrificial giving. Steve was asked to integrate all the information and write up a simple policy.

VIII. Archdiocesan Synod and Lay Advisory Update: Beth & Michael

The ambassador training has taken place. There are 7 people from St. Edwards involved. The listening sessions have begun and there are upcoming options located near our parish.

Closing Prayer: Randy

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: December 3 at 7:00pm following Mass. Watch the next agenda for prayer assignments.