



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2020 7:00 PM

I. Opening Prayer Michelle Cowling

II. Faith Sharing: Attendees offered prayers of petition.

III. Lords Prayer

IV. Parish Council Visioning Coach Scheduling: Beth

Candidates are scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 8:30-1:00

Goals for the engagement will be given to candidates (copies distributed)
There will be a standard list of questions for all candidates, as well as time for spontaneous ones.

Steve suggested that each candidate get 5-10 minutes to present their plan, including the most important parts.

There was a discussion about surveying the parish, taking into account that the Archdiocese will conduct a Disciple Maker Index survey as part of the Synod process. It is important to avoid "Questionnaire fatigue" by asking the parish to reply to two separate surveys. Would there be a way to combine the two surveys? Will the survey answers be proprietary? Can the information gathered be shared with other entities?

Will the vendors have a contract?

Regarding cost. Do we have a budget max? When do we get involved with the cost of each vendor's program? If a vendor fee is out of reach, why have them come? Need to review with the Finance Council to discuss.

How to compare cost vs. quality of each vendor? We may ask the range of fees they've charged before.

V. Worship Screen Usage: All

The screens are catching on, and there are requests to advertise upcoming events before Mass. Discussion included the need to have guidelines for inclusion. It was thought that only events sponsored by the parish should be allowed. There was a comment that screens do get the attention of children, and that the announcements show the life of the parish. It was suggested that we might do announcements first, and post the scripture readings just before Mass begins. Fr. Rick suggested adding a screen displaying the Parish Mission Statement.

VI. FY20 Engagement Initiative Update: All

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. Archdiocesan Synod and Lay Advisory Update: Beth/Mike

Beth and Mike shared that the process is underway and that listening sessions have been well-attended. People are interested in broad communication with all parishes and transparency as a high value. After the listening sessions have been completed focus areas will be identified and communicated to the ambassadors from each parish.

VIII. Activities Updates: Fr. Rick/Beth

Sunday Evening Mass: The Sunday evening liturgies are very well done according to those in attendance. There are usually 100—150 attending. The attendance is being tracked at all Masses to determine whether the evening Mass is just pulling people from the other Masses. Are those attending mostly from St. Edward or hopefully from those not attending Mass as well. As planned there will be an evaluation at the end of 6 months to determine whether this Mass is a valuable option to continue.

Signage: Signage is in process. Once the two signs are in place, the old sign must be removed in order to comply with the City of Bloomington.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob McBeath Co-Chair / Worship

John Cotter Pastoral Care

Michelle Cowling Administration

Randy Jenniges Social Justice & Charity

Patsy Murphy Community Life

Steve Madej Faith Formation

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 Soderlund

Patsy Murphy

Steve Madej

Fr. Rick

Michael Barg

John Cotter

Beth Schorle

Michelle Cowling

Randy Jenniges

Molly Mitch

Staff / Guests:

Maureen Larson - Minute Taker

Stewardship: by the end of December there were about 400 cards returned. This response is less than last year. Hope to improve upon that. Total amount of pledges is down a little from last year, but actual donations are up. Discussed the value of encouraging electronic giving which may help to even out the week to week giving.

Nativity preschool: there is currently no plan to proceed with this.

Closing Prayer: Michael Barg

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: February 4 at 7:00pm following Mass.