



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2020 7:00 PM

I. Opening Prayer: Michael B.

II. Faith Sharing: Attendees offered prayers of petition.

III. Lords Prayer

IV. March Minutes:

Approved with no changes.

V. Review of Activities:

Fr. Rick - There is a lot of work being done behind the scenes on the website, Facebook and online liturgies. Faith Formation is working hard to keep families involved. Beth has been working hard. She has met with the Finance Council about our financial situation.

Donna - The calling team split 1356 households by alphabet and called every household. They reached 819 people, found 121 nonworking phone numbers, and increase our email list by 90 emails. We now have 101 households in our parish data base that we do not have a working phone number for, but we went from 620 households without emails down to 530. 20 parishioners requested call backs. It is becoming clear that we need to have a phone calling ministry. Please reach out with a special thank you to Wendy Cotter, Ed & Sandy Steffner, Patsy Murphy, Ron & Jean Schmidt, Bill Franke, Kathi Blake, Sara Niemic, Lois Johnson, Ed Kocon, Joyce & Bob McBeath and Nancy Scott for all their hard work. We are looking for new calling volunteers for the 2nd round of calling. It would be nice to have members of parish leadership helping out. The 2nd round will begin after Easter.

Beth - As much staff as possible are working remotely. Weekly staff meetings are being held via Zoom. The Chapel is open daily from 8am-8pm with Miguel and Steve cleaning and sanitizing it twice daily. Ropes have been placed on several pews in the chapel to help facilitate social distancing. A lot of work is being put into communications so information can get out to parishioners in a timely manner. Parish wide emails have been set up and paper copies of the important information is then being sent out to families without emails. Donna's work with the calling has helped with the timeliness of communications allowing us to keep parishioners informed about our exciting activities, changes and updating the parish on how we are acting responsibly during this time. Her work has helped reduce our mailing costs. Faith Formation moved online with their Bible Studies, Sunday School and Elementary - HS faith formation utilizing small group meetings via Zoom.

Donna - RICA has been going well. We are spending more time with the candidates in our online group than we did in person on Sunday mornings. This has been a nice side effect. We have also had our first Virtual Donut Sunday, it was fun, with a lot of good conversation and we closed by praying the Our Father together. Donuts were dropped off at select families. We will also be launching an Easter Bible Study.

Steve - Bridget is preparing home lessons for the Nursery & Sunday School kids. Nicole is preparing home lessons for the elementary families and small group meetings for middle school on Tick-Tock. Patrick is also meeting with the HS, Confirmation and youth on Tick-Tock. Faith Formation is organizing a virtual Easter Egg hunt for the this weekend. It would be nice to see the online Mass continue after this over. Also a weekly video message from Fr. Rick on line would be great.

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

Michael Barg

John Cotter

Beth Schorle

Michelle Cowling

Randy Jenniges

Molly Mitch

Fr. Rick

Staff / Guests:

Donna Rubio

Sue Kruchten - Minute Taker

VI. What do parishioners like/miss?

Michael B. Weekend online Masses well done.

Michelle I would like us to continue to stream 1 Mass per weekend after this.

John Compliments to Fr. Rick, Mary Kay, and everyone who is working to make Mass happen—you are doing a Super Job!

Randy Great having Mass online. Helps with continuity of your message.

Steve Our production quality is good.

Patsy We are doing a great job without a professional production team.

Mike S. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the live stream Masses and it's great we have the tech to do this.

VII. Unstuck Group & Other Consultants - Beth

The groups have been very progressive in offering tips and free webinars during this time. They too are working remotely. She will pass on information on where to find the webinars. Working with the consultants has been postponed until things return to normal.

VIII. Top 3 Priorities - Beth

What are the top three things we should be working on right now?

Bob - Transparency in communication, making sure parishioners are well connected and informed, and evangelization, retention and our youth.

Steve - Outreach, more Fr. Rick video's and possibly a drive thru/up Mass. The drive up/thru Mass may be more accessible to the elderly who are struggling with technology.

Randy - Possibly saving the record Mass on USB drives to give to elderly to watch.

Michelle - Possibly pushing the Mass video to smartphones to eliminate the need to log into a computer.

John - Connection, communications and finances-long term. We need people to continue to give.

Beth - We have 4 ways to give: the drop box in the chapel foyer, Text to Give, mail and online giving.

VIII. Parish Council Discernment Process

It was decided that the process will continue with interviews being conducted via Zoom with the goal of having new members in place by the Fall. All current members were encouraged to invite 2 people to consider nomination.

Closing Prayer: Michelle

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: May 5 at 7:00pm following Mass.