



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 5, 2021

Opening Prayer Patsy Murphy led in prayer, followed by prayer intentions and the “Our Father” led by Fr. Rick.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Madej Chair
Michele Cowling Vice Chair
Michele Cowling Social Justice & Charity
John Cotter Worship
Angela Dunbar Faith Formation
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Tom Kent Administration
Maureen Larson Pastoral Care
Patsy Murphy Community Life

Molly Mitch Trustee
Peter Smyth Trustee

Fr Rick Banker Pastor
Mike Petruconis Parish Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Madej
John Cotter
Angie Dunbar
Randy Jenniges
Tom Kent
Maureen Larson
Patsy Murphy
Molly Mitch
Fr. Rick Banker
Mike Petruconis

Staff / Guests:

Donna Rubio, *Staff*
Sally Mays

I. **Christmas Masses** Huge shout out to all the staff to say Thanks and Great job, especially to Mary Kay Hird and Andrew Walker. All agreed their intros were very professional and well done.

Fr. Rick reported 50-160 in-person spots were reserved for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Eve: 3pm Mass was full, 5pm Mass slightly less. **Christmas Day:** 8:30am and 10:30am Masses could have been combined.

Online there were 600 views. Concern expressed that our online viewership seems lower than other parishes with similar populations. Suggestions about how to increase viewership included a weekly email from the parish with the link to view online Mass, and publishing the viewership numbers in the bulletin to encourage viewers to “like us”. A brief survey about online Mass is being considered as we recognize use of a computer may be foreign for many in the Parish.

II. **Parish Coach Project** Fr. Rick opened the discussion by sharing that the word CRISIS, in Chinese is comprised of two characters: opportunity and danger¹. Although we do many things well, new ideas, paradigms and ways to evangelize are welcomed.

One consideration in moving forward is that Fr. Rick has been granted a Sabbatical from August 16 – December 16, so our timeline must be decided by then.

Discussion included information from Donna Rubio about an online program from Ascension Press called the “**The 99**”. It was concluded that an online version would not fit our needs for the parish, but perhaps when we are back in person we could do an in-person version.

Previous coach finalists from last year’s vetting process were reviewed, as well as a new group suggested by staff member Andrew Walker, **Divine Renovation**. Chair Steve called for a vote, and the council voted to eliminate **Our Sunday Visitor** as a candidate for coach going forward. Two of the finalists, **LPi** and **Unstuck** will be asked to present again, along with **Divine Renovation**. After presentations, the Parish Council will choose the best fit for St Edward. Once we contract with our Coach, we will develop a timeline for implementation to begin.

III. **Misc** As the vaccine rolls out and parishioners feel safe to return to in-person Masses, it would be fitting to acknowledge their return with a celebration.

IV. **Reminder** Goals of Leadership Night January 19, 2021: Reach out to your commissions to have a report for this meeting.

Closing Prayer John Cotter

Next Scheduled PC Meeting: February 2 at 7:00pm

¹The Chinese phrase for “crisis” is “Wēijī:” 危机. Wēi, 危, does in fact mean danger. However, Victor Mair, Professor of Chinese Language and Literature at the University of Pennsylvania, writes that, in this context, Ji (机), represents an “incipient moment; [a] crucial point (when something begins or changes).” Thus, a Wēijī is indeed a genuine crisis, a dangerous moment, a time when things start to go awry.”