



THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2021

All were in attendance

Opening Prayer Ms. Cowling

Approval of January Minutes (one typographical change was made)

Engagement Goals

Review of engagement goals and questions for parish coach candidates. Engagement goals were edited:

- Develop effective leadership teams
- Evaluate the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish; provide an outside perspective (assessment)
- Understand the interests of those we are trying to evangelize
- Clarify the vision God has for St. Edward over the next three to five years
- Identify the structure, action steps and tools to create, implement and maintain a strategic plan

Disciple Maker Index

There was discussion about the Disciple Maker Index. Mr. Kent stated that we owed the Parish a summary and interpretation of the responses from the DMI. He asked for a small group to meet and develop this presentation. Ms. Larson, Mr. Kent and Mr. Jenniges volunteered from the Parish Council in addition to Ms. Rubio, Maureen Kent, and Jerry and Kathy Baumberger.

Also discussed was the need to understand how the Parish Coach would use this data. Although the data is a year old, it was decided that it was still valuable and should serve as an important data point for a parish coach.

Parish Coach Presentation One

New Presenter - Divine Renovation: Matt Regitz; divinerenovation.org

Parish Council members introduced themselves.

Mr. Regitz stated that they are a movement and not a program. Jesus' message to his disciples at the Last Supper was: "Go make disciples of all nations". Therefore, we are not just to be disciples, but we are to go and make disciples. And we need to make disciples before we form them.

Parish Council members asked Mr. Regitz to define "make Disciples."

He explained that families used to do this. The parish was the center of the community. Now the parish is a place that members engage to participate in the sacraments, weddings and funerals, but that often that participation marks the end of the relationship. Again, our parish must make disciples before we form them. "Evangelization must come first. We need an investment in Evangelization, not a hop scotch through the sacraments," explained Mr. Regitz.

He further explained "There is hope! We can form a group to help the Pastor lead. Our movement is power from the Holy Spirit. We need to encounter the Risen Christ with interaction from the Holy Spirit.

Divine Renovation provides a library of books, videos, and resources, in addition to a coach to walk with our Pastor during the yearlong commitment. Also provided is a donor-funded Kick Start Program, which provides the Pastor a cohort of brother priests with whom to communicate and learn.

Divine Renovation has 60 parishes now. We have grown from the testimonials of our work," Mr. Regitz explained.

Council members were asked to share what they want for St. Edward's parish, plus their

PARISH COUNCIL

Steve Madej
Chair

Michele Cowling
Vice Chair
Social Justice & Charity

John Cotter
Worship

Angela Dunbar
Faith Formation

Randy Jenniges
Member-At-Large

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

STAFF / GUESTS:

Donna Rubio
Staff

Sally Mays
Minutes

Parish Coach Presentation One, *continued*

vision for the parish in five years. Many wished for new parishioners, more young families and a connection with older parishioners as mentors to younger and newer parishioners.

Council members asked Mr. Reitz questions about his process. Mr. Reitz sketched out the Divine Renovation journey; coachings begin with the Pastor for two months, followed by coachings with the leadership team assembled for this purpose.

"It is rather like the Peter, James and John model Jesus had with his Apostles. A small group is formed to move out to the entire Parish," explained Mr. Reitz.

The council watched a video from a Catholic priest that has used Divine Renovation with great success.

Parish Coach Presentation Two

Returning Presenter - The Unstuck Group: Sean Bublitz; theunstuckgroup.com

Members introduced themselves.

Mr. Bublitz stated that The Unstuck Group has worked with over 500 parishes over eleven years. Mr. Bublitz said, "We now have one Catholic parish in Australia."

Mr. Bublitz said "We have learned from the parishes, from all denominations. We have seen a common set of core issues. Christian principles cross all denominations, and all have common core issues. The Unstuck Group has designed a process around these core issues."

Further Mr. Bublitz explained that a parish must have clarity by asking and answering the questions:

- What is God calling us to do?
- What is our mission? Why does our parish exist?
- What vision what does God want our parish to accomplish?
- Who are we called to reach? We need clarity on who we should be reaching.

Mr. Bublitz used the term "mission field". Parish Council members asked for a definition. He answered, "... folks who are the community around us. Who exactly is our community? Often there is a lack of clarity about our community."

The Unstuck Group can help identify our mission field with their data. Council members asked what data would be used. Mr. Bublitz said that the parish probably already has one key piece of data: "How many new names have you added to your parish database?" These could include non-member donors.

Council members asked how the data would be gathered. Mr. Bublitz responded that The Unstuck Group has demographic data of the surrounding area, including age, income, ethnic background and numbers of households within 20 minutes that have children, etc.

The Unstuck Group can help answer the questions, "What draws young people to parishes?" and "What are they walking away from when they leave?"

Council members wondered how The Unstuck Group would fit with a Catholic Parish. Mr. Bublitz detailed their structure. "We would modify our work to fit with a Catholic Parish, learning from different denominations". He also stated Unstuck brings a fresh perspective to St Edward: "We bring a broad perspective from the many parishes and denominations." His firm has found that churches who want to tell people about Jesus are the best fit for their services.

Discussion

At the end of the call Mr. Madej asked all council members for their thoughts so far. Everyone shared their thoughts and perspectives.

The third candidate for parish coach is Catholic Leadership Initiative, who will present at the next Parish Council meeting on March 2.

Closing Prayer Ms. Larson

Adjournment