



# THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 2021

*All members were in attendance. Jerry Grebin was a guest at the meeting.*

**Opening Prayer** — Ms. Dunbar

**Approval of March Minutes** (Spelling of Molly Mitch's name was corrected)

## **Outreach Committee Proposal**

Jerry Grebin described the history of the Tithing committee. The Parish Council received the newly formed Outreach Committee (OC) proposal in February 2021.

Mr. Grebin stated the Outreach Committee needs some guidance before they create a plan. Further Mr. Grebin said the OC wanted to work through both Parish Council and Finance committee, to include Parish special gifts that are undesignated for new projects. It was decided that a five-member Outreach Committee will work out details.

Fr. Rick said it was a wonderful idea and congratulated Mr. Grebin.

It was suggested that under special Funding provision the Outreach Committee may also do special fund raiser, following our parish guidelines.

Fr. Rick noted the great generosity of our Parish to the Dudley Fund.

Mr. Grebin stated his belief that we need the best Communication methods for these new ideas, not just mass mailings.

The Parish Council then voted to proceed.

## **Image Used at Mass**

There was discussion about parishioner letter sent to Fr. Rick, Parish Trustees, and some Parish Council members. The letter was about a cartoon used by Fr. Rick before his sermon. A discussion followed on how to best respond to the parishioner.

## **Update on DMI/Synod Sub-Team** — Mr. Kent

After several meetings the team has created a one-page summary which was shared with the Parish Council. This summary will now be shared with the parish through a bulletin post.

Our areas for growth will be used by CLI in our coach project. CLI will use the DMI results as a starting point.

Mr. Kent shared that the Archdiocese has a Lay Advisory Board, and he is St. Edward's representative. Please contact him with any thoughts, comments or ideas.

## **Recap on Intro Discussion with Dan/CLI** — Mr. Petruconis

Mr. Petruconis shared his recap meeting with CLI. They had great conversation. CLI is seeking to determine the scope of our project. Mr. Petruconis informed CLI that we are interested in a full-service option.

Many Council members stated we need more in person meetings.

It was noted that there are concerns on timing with Fr Rick's sabbatical.

Fr. Rick stated we could do the preparation part virtually, but the parish focus groups really need to be done in person.

## **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*

## **Recap on Intro Discussion with Dan/CLI, *continued***

Virtual meetings may be more attractive and less intimidating for certain members of our demographic.

We need to include our High schooler plus middle schoolers—their view is very different than ours!

Mr. Petruconis will follow up with Dan/CLI on the timeline and how focus groups are formed. Our actual coach should be selected soon.

When discussing our Parish, the creation of the Focus Group is very important. We need to invite folks rather than ask for volunteers! We must go Beyond the usual suspects --that is the entire point. A cross section of the parish and more!

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Discussion of possible in-person meeting for May 4.

It was decided to keep the Zoom method for the May meeting. It was discussed that perhaps we should plan to meet in June as well. (PC usually does not meet in June.) TBD

**Closing Prayer** — Mr. Jenniges

## **Adjournment**

**Addendum:** Fr Rick shared an email from St. Mary's Monastery in Perth Scotland today. The Fall Sabbatical for 2021 has been cancelled. Due to Covid, they have decided not to run the Sabbatical Program in the fall 2021. Fr Rick said he'd re-apply next Fall.