

Saint Edward Pastoral Council Minutes

January 28, 2021

Members Present: Father Walter Stumpf, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Patrick Berg, Kim Goffard, Tim Lamers, Jane Varick

Members not present: Steve Cove, Tommy Fassbender, Tim Pitsch, Alley Salm

Opening Prayer was led by Father Walter.

Father then opened the meeting with a demonstration of an idea that Father thought could possibly be used at the proposed new Kiosk for the Narthex. It was a 'fish tank' where children could 'fish' for gift items for themselves or their parents.

The motion was made by Kim Goffard that we approve the minutes from the past Council meeting from September 24, 2020. Patrick Berg seconded the motion. It was approved.

Previous Business: Additional Lighting in Narthex above script table. The goal is to increase lighting by 25%. Peter Hofacker will look at this and give us recommendations on what would be helpful.

Previous Business: Proposed Welcoming Center Kiosk near the entrance in the Narthex. The question was asked to know what it is used for and what is the main function of this Kiosk. Jane said that at the parishes where she has seen them, they are manned during Weekend Masses and have information available for finding out about parish activities and signing up for classes and committees. Jane will do some research on what other parishes do.

Father mentioned that most of this is on the parish website, but we feel that the website needs a lot of updating for it to fulfill this function. Deacon Jeff mentioning talking to a new parishioner, Bill Shaloub, who has previous experience on developing websites, and has volunteered to help us update our parish website. He would like to come to a Council meeting to see just what we want done. Suggestions were made to have the Kiosk resemble Lambeau Field or a tractor for Pulling for the Parish.

Kim asked if anything was ever done with the proposed Welcome Booklet that she made up last year. Deacon Jeff will follow up on finding out what we give to new parishioners.

Patrick Berg gave a review of the Strategic Planning sessions. He found them very meaningful. They went over lots of data and found 4 areas where we need to improve. He will give an outline of these 4 goals at our next Pastoral Council meeting on March 25th at 6:30. The Finance Council will be invited to attend this section of our meeting if they want to hear about these goals.

We will again have Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent this year. They will only be by contactless pick-up. There will be no in person eating. We will have them on each Friday in Lent. They have a new method of placing your orders and a new phone number to call to order. Father mentioned that Saints Peter & Paul parish in Hortonville is not doing them this year, so that should give us more business.

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1. Worship

- a. Stations of the Cross, 6PM Fridays in Lent with music. **Father has suggested doing Stations during Lent on Fridays at 6pm. He wants to lead at least some of them. He would also like them to include music between each station. We could have pictures of the stations on the media screens so that people can stay distancing in their pews. It was also suggested to live stream them. Father also suggested that we could order fish fries to take home after the Stations.**
- b. New organ proposal **Our old organ is from 1978 and is on it's last leg. Replacement parts are not readily available. We need a new organ which would cost approximately \$40,000.**

2. Education

- a. Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31-Feb. 6
- b. First reconciliations
- c. Saint Ignatius High School enrolls first student, a St. Edward alumna!
Terese McKee

3. Stewardship/finance

- a. Re-allocate High School subsidy to include Saint Ignatius High School (Kaukauna) **currently we just give to Xavier**
- b. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet)
- c. PPP loan to grant application
- d. School budget sub-committee- Terry, Nicole and Liz
- e. Buildings and grounds
 - i. Preventive maintenance and project priority log
 - ii. Church trim staining project complete
- f. Bishop's Appeal kick-off Feb. 7th. Our goal is \$37,794. (2020 was \$36,980) Let's reach our goal by April 25!

4. Living Justice, Dignity of the human person, Dignity of work, Solidarity with the poor

- a. Thanksgiving Day collection for Burundi Education Fund, \$3,052
- b. Philippine Typhoon relief collection, \$3,397
- c. Love God and Neighbor prayer vigil, Feb. 13-14

5. Holy, Engaged, Alive

- a. Parish Mission Planning team completes goal writing. Plan is ready to present to Councils.

Deacon Jeff's Report

Jeff is currently visiting 30 families that are home bound or in Care centers. He or Deacon Gary VanEss from Saint Nicholas parish do Prayer Services at Primrose Home every week. Primrose is playing our Live streamed Mass in their Theatre. Both deacons work with parish couples with scheduling Weddings and Baptisms. They also do the preparation classes for both of these.

We will be selling 'BlestArt' this weekend before and after each of the Masses. The profits from these olive wood carvings will go to help Christians living in the Holy Land.

Jeff is also helpful in helping with parish collections of goods for Pillars, Harbor House, Spiritus, Freedom Pantry, Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Mothers of Unborn Children.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Goffard and seconded by Deacon Jeff.

Motion was approved.

Father led us in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Varick