

Saint Edward Pastoral Council Minutes
September 24, 2020

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

Members excused: Steve Cove, Tom Fassbender

Opening Prayer led by Father Walter

Review of minutes from virtual meetings from February 7, 2020 and May 28, 2020. Kim Goffard motioned to accept the minutes. Tim Pitsch seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Father reported that they currently have one nominee for the position of **Treasurer Trustee**, Doug Hawley. He will still accept other nominees for this position until October 4th. The election will be held on October 17th and October 18th.

Tim Lamers asked if anyone would like to take over as Chairman of the Council or as co-chair since this will be his last year on the council. No one volunteered for this position. Jane Varick will continue as secretary. The name of Allie Salm was recommended as a possible new member of the Council. Father will ask her.

Liaison Positions: Deacon Jeff will continue to be the liaison between council and N.E. and the school. Tommy Fassbender is the liaison with the Finance Council. We need replacements for liaison to Living Justice and Worship Committee, due to Deacon Ray's absence. Father will be liaison with the Worship Committee and Kim Goffard volunteered to be liaison with Living Justice.

Strategic Planning Committee: Tim Pitsch and Patrick Berg both reported on the progress of this committee. They had started with two meetings and then due to COVID quarantine, the rest of the meetings were cancelled. They will resume with meetings in October and will need several more meetings. They feel they may need to reconsider things due to changes caused by the Quarantine. They will report their final recommendations to us when they are finished.

Trunk or Treating: Patrick Berg suggested starting a 'Trunk or Treating' event this year for children to go trick or treating in the church parking lot to cars decorated and giving treats after Mass on Saturday, October 31st. It seemed like a fun event. Kim mentioned that this was not a good year to start something like that due to COVID. It would be hard to maintain proper social distancing with the kids having fun trick or treating. It was decided not to do it this year, but to definitely put it on the schedule for next year.

Masks during Mass: Father put a new sign up on the door to the Church stating that Bishop Ricken's orders are that masks are required in church for all over 5 years old. The

Bishop has requested people to return to church, so we should try as best we can to make it a safe space. A discussion was had on how to handle those people who still don't wear a mask. One suggestion was to have those without a mask be in a separate space such as the Saint Edward room or the Saint Nicholas room. Some felt that these people may get mad at that suggestion and leave the parish. Father said that he thinks more are staying away because they don't feel it is safe, rather than those not wanting to wear a mask. It was said that people should be aware that they can move if they feel someone is sitting too close for social distancing or without a mask. Father may mention that this weekend.

Pastor's Report:

1. Worship
 - a. Need more ushers ages 18-59
 - b. New meeting schedule, next meeting Sept. 30, 7am
 - c. First Communions Oct 10 and 11.
 - d. Feast of Saint Edward Tuesday Oct 13
2. Education
 - a. Enrollment in NE **enrollment numbers not in yet**
 - b. Enrollment in School **enrollment up this year**
3. Stewardship/finance
 - a. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet)
 - b. School Choice dollars
 - c. Buildings and grounds
 - i. Preventive maintenance and project priority log is being used.
 - ii. Church trim staining project underway **in progress, halfway done**
4. Living Justice, Dignity of the human person, Dignity of work, Solidarity with the poor
 - a. Disaster relief collection Sept. 26 and 27
 - b. Love God and Neighbor prayer vigil, Oct 3-4
 - c. Forty Days for Life prayer vigil, Sept. 23-Nov. 1. Saint Edward hours are Wednesdays 9-10 and Fridays 1-2. Saint Nicholas, Saturdays 1-2.
 - d. Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice April campaign spending by groups
 1. Dan Kelly \$47,060
 2. Jill Karofsky \$1,067,850 (\$64,925 from Planned Parenthood)
 3. Abortion providers deemed "essential"
 4. Tony Evers appoints Chris Taylor, former policy director of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin to Dane Co. Circuit Court Justice to replace Jill Karofsky
 5. Wisconsin DHS reports 6,224 abortions in 2018
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive
 - a. Parish Mission Planning team to resume working Oct. 29
6. Father said that in the next few years, he may ask for a 4-6 month Sabbatical leave to study the Bible in its original Greek Language.

The Closing Prayer was led by Deacon Jeff.