

## **Saint Edward Pastoral Council Minutes**

**January 23, 2020**

**Members Present:** Father Walter, Deacon Ray, Tommy Fassbender, Kim Goffard, Tim Lamers, Tim Pitsch, Jane Varick, Mic Vomastic

**Members Excused:** Steve Cove, Patrick Berg

Meeting was opened with prayer led by Father Walter.

**Minutes:** Minutes from September 2019 meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Mic, seconded by Kim, Motion was approved. Minutes from October 2019 meeting were read. Motion to approve made by Deacon Ray and seconded by Kim, Motion approved. Minutes from joint meeting with Financial Council from November 2019 were read. Motion to approve made by Jane and seconded by Tim Pitsch. Motion approved.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Deacon Ray reported about the meeting with Mark Lang, Deacon Jeff, Kim Goffard, Royce Alsbach, Tommy Fassbender, and Father to review Mark's list of things that needed to be done. It was categorized into costs and priorities, and frequency needed, and divided into categories of Maintenance (66 items), Repairs (34 items), replacements (13 items) and wants and needs (17 items). It will also have to be determined what needs to be budgeted and when needed. Deacon Ray also said there were items that did not belong to Buildings and Grounds and these will be given to the appropriate committees.

**Facilities Coordinator:** Father announced that, due to increased workload at both parishes, Mark Lang's position will be changed to full time coordinator at Saint Edward. A new Coordinator will be hired for Saint Nicholas. Mark will continue at both parishes until a new person is hired.

**The Word of God:** Father explained that Pope Francis has instituted a new Holy Day. It will be the Word of God Sunday, on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, which will be this coming weekend. Father has asked everyone to bring their personal bibles to Mass this weekend and he will bless the bibles.

**First Reconciliation:** First Reconciliation will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Celia McKee has arranged a Prayer Partner Program. Each of the First Communicants will have someone from the parish as their prayer partner, who will pray for them every day until their First Communion and will send them cards for both their reconciliation retreat and their First Communion retreat.

**Alpha:** There will be a new Alpha group starting in February. Father encouraged us to attend it or to encourage others to attend. His goal is to have home groups formed from the Alpha groups.

**Financial Peace University:** Kim Goffard reported that their first session went well with 6 couples attending.

**All Night Vigil:** Tommy Fassbender reported that the All Night Love God and Neighbor Vigils have been going well. All the shifts have been filled for the 4 months that we have done this. Other people show up also for shorter time spans.

**Teach My People to Pray Holy Hour:** Father reported that these monthly Holy Hours are going well on the Third Friday of each month.

**Mission Planning Committee:** Tim Pitsch reported that things are going well. Vicky Wieland is the facilitator and the Core team has had one meeting and are working on recruiting the whole team before their February meeting. A survey will be coming to all parish leadership to fill out.

**Bishop's Appeal:** This year's Bishop's Appeal will kick off on Feb 1-2, with Father giving an inspiring message. The Bishop's video message will be shown on Feb 8-9. The school students will be making a poster of a plant showing the progress of meeting the goal. The targeted completion date is May 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Saint Isidore.

**Parish Bulletin:** Father asked what we thought of the format of the parish bulletin? Some of the thoughts brought up in the discussion were that we like having it emailed to us every Sunday. Someone suggested that more of the announcements should be emailed during the week. Someone added that they like the announcements of coming events shown on the media screens before Sunday Mass. Someone suggested that Father add his 'Homework Assignment' to the bulletin.

**Stewardship:** A discussion was held on various methods of encouraging more stewardship, for both sharing of time and talent, also for sharing of money. For financial stewardship, it was suggested that parishioners speak at the end of Mass about WHY they give to the church. Tommy Fassbender mentioned that at Appleton Alliance, members are automatically expected to tithe 10%. It was also suggested that we have a catalog for new members listing all the volunteer opportunities available.

It was decided that we should have another Stewardship Fair in May. Father will determine the date, based on the parish schedule and his schedule. All parish organizations would be invited to have one person at the table with information about

their organization. It was suggested that Patrick Berg and Steve Cove could be co-chairmen of this event.

**Pastor's Report:**

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1. Worship
  - a. Server of the month for December; Lindsey VanCamp
  - b. Blessing of throats Feb. 1-2
  - c. First reconciliation February 6
  - d. Let's recruit more media operators
2. Education
  - a. Catholic Schools Week Jan 26-31
  - b. Alpha
  - c. Young adult, bowling event
3. Stewardship/finance
  - a. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet)
  - b. Financial Peace University
  - c. Janitorial
  - d. Financial systems, drop safe, deposit bags
4. Living Justice
  - a. March for Life
  - b. Love your neighbor all-night prayer vigil, Feb. 1-2
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive
  - a. Parish Mission Planning
  - b. Teach my people to pray Holy Hour: Friday, February 21, after the 8:15am Mass.

Father also told us that he has had people inform him of 5 different healings after his Mass with Anointing last November. The Lord is with us.

Meeting was closed with the Disciple's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Varick