

## **Saint Edward Pastoral Council Minutes**

**May 28, 2020**

Members present: Father Walter Stumpf, Deacon Jeff Hofacker(audio only), Tim Lamers, Kim Goffard, Tim Pitsch, Jane Varick, Mic Vomastic and guest, seminarian Andrew LeGreve

Members excused: Patrick Berg, Steve Cove, Tom Fassbender

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually via ZOOM, set up by Bob Hofacker.

Meeting was opened with Prayer to Saint Joseph led by Father Walter.

Father introduced seminarian, Andrew LeGreve, who will be with Father at both parishes until August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Father gave us some updates on the opening up of the parish after the quarantine. On the next two Sundays, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, Saint Edward will hold Communion Services at 11am. The precautions being used will include taking everyone's temperature, handing out masks, and allowing only 8 people in church at a time. There will be a very short prayer service before the receiving of the Eucharist for each 8 person group. People will exit through a different door than those entering.

On the weekend of June 13-14, Masses will again be allowed to be open to parishioners at a 25% occupancy rate using safe distancing practices. There will be no choir singing.

Tim Lamers brought up the issue of Council membership for the 2020-2021 year. Mic Vomastic's term is complete and Deacon Ray Ambrosius has moved from our parish. Tim said that he would prefer if someone new took over as chairman next year as he would then still be there to guide him/her. Kim Goffard's name was mentioned as a possible chairperson, but she declined due to her job responsibilities with this pandemic. Father noted that the diocese is recommending postponing Trustee elections until September, so it was decided

to also wait until September to select new Council members and to decide on the Council Chairperson at that time. Trustee elections will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Father announced that the annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It was decided that we would not have the potluck dinner before the meeting, like we did previous years, due to health and safety issues. It was suggested that we have some refreshments after the meeting. (Possibly individually wrapped bags of snacks) Tim will again give a short summary of what the Council has done this year.

Father mentioned that the Finance Council was concerned about the additional expenses of the N.E. Program due to the hiring of additional staff. They have decided not to renew FORMED due to low number of parish viewers. Since Deb Spielbauer has resigned, he has not yet posted her position. He asked for our input. It was suggested to possibly wait until next spring to hire her replacement, since there would probably be low attendance this fall due to the quarantine issues, especially in the older population, and we could make use of volunteers as needed. We felt it is important to keep up the Young Adult NE program. Kim also suggested that for Adult NE, we could promote more Diocesan programs, like a ZOOM woman's group Kim has joined.

Even though we had no Mass attendance in April or May, our contributions have actually increased. Tractor pull has been cancelled, so that will be a loss of income.

The Mission Planning Committee had to suspend their scheduled meetings. They will meet again in June.

Father discussed his Pastor's report:

### **Pastor's Report Saint Edward May 28, 2020**

1. Worship
  - a. Communion service Sunday May 31 and June 7 at 11am
  - b. Mass at 25% occupancy starting June 13/14

- c. Confirmation will be at Saint Edward and I will receive delegation to do the confirmation. Date TBD. Likewise at Saint Nicholas
  - d. First communion, Sat/Sun October 10/11 (nearest date to the Feast of Saint Edward) The time for the Saturday Mass will be earlier than our normally scheduled 5:30 Mass.
2. Education
- a. School enrollment
    - i. 2019-2020 75 St. Ed, 79 with Hortonville
    - ii. 2020-2021, 72 St. Ed, 82 with Hortonville
    - iii. 17 are in school choice
  - b. School staff- all returning except one part-time.
  - c. Debbie Spielbauer, Adult NE coordinator resigned. Thanks Debbie for your ministry here at Saint Edward. The job has not been posted.
  - d. NE, still hoping to do a type of Vacation Bible School later in summer.
3. Stewardship/finance
- a. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet)
  - b. Paycheck protection program- transfer to grant details will be the subject of a webinar in early June.
  - c. Janitorial plan. Still no candidates for part-time janitor at Saint Nicholas School.
4. Living Justice, Dignity of the human person, Dignity of work, Solidarity with the poor
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive
- a. Parish Mission Planning team will meet in June
  - b. Seminarian Andrew LeGreve will be with us at Saint Edward and Saint Nicholas until August 2.

Comments concerning #4 of Pastor's Report:

Living Justice: Father was disappointed at the election of the new Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, who was backed by Planned Parenthood.

Dignity of Human Person: Kim is upset with people not being concerned by elderly people dying with COVID 19.

Tim is concerned about increased suicide rate during this pandemic.

Solidarity with the Poor: Kim also mentioned how hard this quarantine is on the homeless and the poor. From the calls made to our parishioners, there were no physical needs mentioned.

