**Saint Edward Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2022**

**Attendees: Father Walter Stumpf, Patrick Berg, Kim Goffard, Jane Varick, Merle Verhagen,**

**Guest: Terry Woelfel**

**Excused: Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Tim Pitsch**

**Opening Prayer** led by Kim Goffard**.**

Patrick moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kim seconded the motion. All approved. Minutes approved.

**Pastor’s Report:** The new organ has led to the growth in our music ministry with several new parishioners joining the parish and the music ministry. Father is currently planning the Holy Week Services. Father Walter will celebrate all the Masses and services at Saint Edwards, while Father Mark Mleziva will be doing Holy Thursday and the Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Nicholas. Fr John Becker will be celebrating Sunday Mass at Saint Nicholas.

**Deacon’s Report:** Father read Deacon Jeff’s report: Deacon Jeff continues to visit homebound parishioners and residents at Nursing Homes and Senior Living Homes. He and Deacon Gary do weekly Communion Services at Primrose and Country Villa. They also brought ashes to these residents on Ash Wednesday. Deacon Jeff is doing server’s training sessions for 4-5th graders. He also helps with Marriage Prep meetings, Baptism Prep and Funeral Arrangement Meetings.

**Committee/ Liaison Reports:**

**Worship committee**: Preparation is ongoing for Holy Week. There will be a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on April 27th and a Mass with the Blessing of Seeds on April 22nd. First Communion will be on April 30-May 1st.

**Volunteer engagement and Living Justice team**: Father Walter read Deacon Jeff’s report: He has had 65 new volunteers in the past year, which is much larger than the 10% goal they were given. Deacon Jeff is very appreciative to all the parish volunteers. He currently has at least 158 volunteers. Patrick added that the goal was to increase the number of volunteers, adding as many as we can.

**For Living Justice:** Bake Sales are continuing with profits going to local charities. April profits will go to VIDA. The parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society is active in helping with resources and guidance to those in need.

**Hospitality/Welcoming:** written by Celia McKee, read by Kim Goffard. Mary Hildebrand will again hold a playground group after some morning Masses for Mothers and children during the summer months. She will also have a family night.

The retreats (for First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation) all include families.

Students and their families have been helping with the Lenten Stations of the Cross.

Mary has initiated Mass bags for young children to use during Mass and new hygiene bags have been put in the restrooms.

Easter greeting cards were sent to homebound parishioners.

Celia led a parish group helping out at Feeding America.

**Old Business:** We need torecruit new members to the Pastoral Council for next year’s term**.** We need to replace Jane’s position which will expire on June 30th, and to replace the positions vacated by Ally Salm and Tammy Cove. We should have staggered time frames for these positions so that they don’t all end at the same time. One suggested candidate was Sheila Glaske.

We need a job description written for the new Marketing Position. Patrick volunteered to write that up and explain what it would involve to the Finance Council.

**New Business:** Kim suggested that it might be helpful to have someone come in to make suggestions on what we could do to add more space for social functions, funeral lunches or performing arts space and how much it would cost. We can no longer have public events, like funeral lunches, during school hours, since we have to use the same restrooms.

Kim suggested that we print up an invitation card listing the times of our Holy Week Services and hand them out with each fish fry order. Terry suggested that we display the times on the live stream screen at the end of the Sunday Mass.

Patrick moved to adjourn. Father led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Varick