



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2015, 7:00 PM

PRAYER

DEANERY UPDATE

- **Letter from Church of the Assumption:** Church of the Assumption in Richfield currently ministers to a significant number of new immigrants who attend Mass in great numbers, but aren't necessarily able to contribute financially. According to a letter from Assumption's current pastor, an agreement had been made some time ago that the other deanery parishes would contribute 1% of their collections to Assumption in support of Assumption's Hispanic Ministry. The Parish Council was asked for their recollections regarding this agreement. No one recalled knowledge of it.
- **Action:** Social Justice Outreach will be asked to investigate the referenced agreement and, if documentation can be found, will study it and make a recommendation to the PC.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

- **Income & Expenses:** A Financial Summary through the date of 11/30/15 was distributed, showing that collections are short and expenses are down.
- **Audit:** Needed information is being gathered for the audit that will take place in January.
- **Archdiocesan Summary Report:** We recently received the report from the April 2015 Archdiocesan visit to our church. Vicar Bob Hart and a member of the Parish Service Office conducted this visit which takes place every three years. The goal is to examine a parish's strengths and areas for growth. This information is then shared with the Archbishop, and subsequently utilized in his "State of the Archdiocese" report to the Holy Father. The report was shared with the Parish Council. They will be asked to utilize it in future planning. Any parishioner interested in viewing the document is welcome to contact the parish office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **Moved to January:** December agenda item, the Proposal for a Policy for Social Justice & Charity Outreach Funding, was moved to January due to time constraints.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

- A motion was made to approve November minutes without changes and the motion was unopposed.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- **Camera:** A dual lens wi-fi camera was anonymously donated; a great and exciting addition to St. Edward's communications resources
- **E-Blasts:** 525 e-blast subscribers to date—will continue to encourage sign-up
- **Press Releases:** Garnered free publicity in *Star Tribune*, *Sun*

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob McBeath	Co-Chair
Jennifer Zupke	Co-Chair
George Heenan	Administration
Jimmy Ojo	Pastoral Care
Bonnie Strand	Social Justice & Charity
Patsy Murphy	Community Life
Eric Van Brocklin	Faith Formation
Herman Viegas	Worship
Andrew Johnson	Youth
Katie Koch / Maggie Peller	Youth

Paul Hufnagle	Trustee
Chuck Melby	Trustee

Father Brian Fier	Pastor
Sherrie Schroeder	Parish Administrator
Melissa Cavanaugh	Communications

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McBeath
Jennifer Zupke
George Heenan
Bonnie Strand
Patsy Murphy
Herman Viegas
Jimmy Ojo
Andrew Johnson
Maggie Peller
Chuck Melby
Father Brian Fier
Sherrie Schroeder
Melissa Cavanaugh

Current and *The Catholic Spirit*, including a photo of Families Moving Forward & Acts 29 kids in the *Bloomington Sun Current* in late November

- **Web Page:** An all parish online calendar was created and can be found by clicking About and Calendar from St. Edward's homepage; will announce/promote to parishioners after testing phase complete with staff; still updating old information on St. Edward's web page and creating interactive online forms; search for an online financial transaction vendor continuing
- **Social Media:** Church of St. Edward Facebook page launched, with daily postings being made; please follow if interested; QR code created and being used to help gain followers

MEETINGS OFF SITE UPDATE

- **Catholic Mutual** (our Archdiocesan insurance company) does not allow meetings sponsored, hosted and/or sanctioned by St. Edward's Church to take place in private homes unless the hosts provide a certificate of liability from their own insurance company and ask participants to sign an adult waiver to protect St. Edward's Church from any liability due to harm that could occur. Because this technically includes St. Edward's Dinner Club and Small Lenten Groups (and could include other meetings as well) the PC will continue this discussion as a future agenda item after the Finance Council has had an opportunity to make a recommendation to the PC. In the meantime, council members were asked to not alert ministries to any change in their procedures or planning.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY

- Social Justice Outreach will be put on the January agenda.
- Planning Task Force Update was requested to be put on the January agenda.

CLOSING PRAYER

- Meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 8:30 PM