



THE CHURCH OF SAINT EDWARD

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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

August 16, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer led by the Worship Commission.

PARISH COUNCIL*

Welcome: Three new members welcomed. **Administration:** A letter to be mailed to all registered households, providing an overview of fiscal year 2015-16. **Stewardship:** Bill Franke meeting regularly with stewardship committee; distributed a report titled, "October is Stewardship Renewal Month". **Two Motions:** (1) Approval of two fundraisers with proceeds set aside for specific intentions—the Feast raffle will benefit the Social Justice Outreach Fund and the pancake breakfast will benefit an intention not yet determined; (2) Approval of the stewardship plan, to start immediately and follow through to fruition. **Updated Leadership Guide:** Copies distributed but vote postponed until September. **Leadership Workshop:** A parish leadership workshop will be held on October 18th; commission work for that evening should be re-scheduled by PC reps.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Planning Task Force: Leadership Guide complete and will be distributed to PC. **Communications:** Online faith formation registration launched along with online payment system; 34 children registered in first week. Continued growth of Facebook and website reach. Web development continues. **Stewardship:** Bill Franke announced that October will be Stewardship Renewal Month. **Administration:** Parish letter going out as a review of fiscal year 2015-16.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Committee Reports: Various ministries are finishing out last year and starting up for next year. **Stephen Ministry:** Will sponsor an all-parish event on October 20th. Fr. Jim Deegan from Christ the King Retreat House will speak on mercy, as we come to the close of our "Year of Mercy." **Separated and Divorced Ministry:** Will be revised with a new program called "The Catholic's Divorce Survival." This is a 12-week series that will take place here; looking at details, such as inviting volunteers, choosing dates and times, etc.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

Loaves and Fishes: St. Stephen's Church has had half the number of volunteers due to vacations and other temporary reasons, simplified the menu to avoid running the dishwasher in the heat and to make prep easier, using picnic style. New parishioners to be asked to get involved. **VEAP Garden:** English cucumbers are thriving, Brussel sprouts ready for harvest and will be bagged with a roasting recipe for recipients. This ministry can use more volunteers. **Catholic Charities:** Lunch program led by Wendy Kotter and Bonnie Strand; make 200 ham & cheese or turkey & cheese sandwiches for 200 people; typically have about 160 people, and then they save the rest for snack. **Bridging:** New Executive director; bought a new building in Roseville—in the past, they rented. By leasing out part of it, they will have an even cash flow. **Meals on Wheels:** Serve 95 meals/day; going well; meals come already packed from the caterer; volunteer collects cold components and adds to the lunch. **Teresa Toda Sister Community:** 14th annual camp at the Teresa Toda home for poor girls in Azua, Dominican Republic; Father Eliar in Jinotega has asked us to name the chapel that we are building, which is near completion using the last of the 40th anniversary money. Recommending the name as "St. Michael's" or "St. Michael the Archangel" as we have a St. Edward's chapel already. **VEAP:** Many backpacks, notebooks etc. received for children starting school. **Feast Raffle:** Sales

*Full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are available on the parish website and in the wooden rack outside the parish office.

after Masses—August 20, 21, 27 and 28; six tickets for \$25 or \$5 each for Stillwater package; also, \$2 for smaller prizes. Proceeds go to Social Justice Outreach Fund which has been budgeted for \$39,000. When we used to do tithing as a parish, we took a portion of our income. Last year, we changed our approach by making it a budget item. By doing this, the Outreach Fund is vulnerable to possible cuts if a budget deficit occurs. By dedicating proceeds of the raffle to this fund, we will be able to guarantee these monies will be available to support our designated charities. If we meet our needed income for the budget, then the raffle's income will be added to the already budgeted monies.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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NEXT MEETING DATE

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Staff Liaison: Judy Foster introduced as the new staff liaison to Community Life. **Feast of St. Edward:** All moving along smoothly for the Feast and the raffle. **Pictorial Directory:** Update shared on the parish directory for the 50th celebration. Parish-wide communication will begin this weekend; a message to sign up for family photo sessions will occur soon. Active marketing to sign up online will happen during the Feast and then volunteers will be needed in the narthex each Sunday in September and early October aiming to fill up the photo session spots. **Newcomers:** New families are welcomed by personal phone call; will extend a special welcome to the Feast. **New Members:** Community Life is actively seeking additional members and a (co) Chair person.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Welcomed Patrick Smalley as new staff representative, Nicole Smalley as new middle school youth minister, and Lois Hummel as new Parish Council representative. Reviewed the PAR process and commission's role. New visions for the youth ministry program were discussed and how we can foster fluency within the transition between age groups. Have two upcoming "all parish" events; November 16, to celebrate the close of "The Year of Mercy" and February 1st—especially excited as Archbishop Hebda is scheduled to be the main speaker. More information is to come as planning continues for both events.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Technology Assessment: A group is formed and will document the current systems and plan to address the Parish Council (PC) in October with plans; recommended upgrades will be multi-year projects and completed in phases. **Conference Room Artwork:** Determined that the three paintings could be repositioned onto two walls, leaving room for the new crucifix to be hung on the north wall, at the head of the table. **Thanks:** The Worship Commission offers great thanks and recognition to everyone who made the funeral for Fr. Mike Tegeder such a powerful experience. **Music:** There are currently two intergenerational events planned and there will be a collaboration of choirs to celebrate them; Archbishop Hebda will preside at the February 1, 2017 event; Bishop Cozzens will join our parish for the Ash Wednesday 2017 evening Mass. **Children's Liturgy:** There is a need for more volunteers. **Altar Ministry:** Communion seems to be flowing smoothly with fewer Eucharistic ministers each Sunday. **Additional:** Worship readiness for St. Edward's Feast, cantor recruitment, success of the volunteer recognition BBQ, and the establishment of altar servers after the school year begins.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Leadership Night will be Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM. **All parishioners are invited.**