



THE CHURCH OF SAINT EDWARD

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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

January 19, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL*

A report was shared about 50th Anniversary planning. Administration distributed a financial summary and reported that the audit indicates no concerns. Task Force report shared, with positive feedback; updates to Leadership Guide needed by April or sooner. Budget to be discussed on January 26th at 7:30pm.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Building and Grounds: Established replacing the HVAC chiller as the key priority for 2016/2017. **Communications Committee:** Reported that St. Edward's Church is getting great response from its Facebook page; all parishioners are encouraged to go to "Church of St. Edward" Facebook page and "Like" it. **Planning Task Force:** Received input from various parish committees and staff for 2016/2017 planning; working with Parish Council to finalize and prioritize for 2016/2017.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Budget: Twenty-three percent of PC's annual budget has been expended, with some large expenses anticipated prior to the end of the year, with the overall budget appearing to be adequate. **Separated and Divorced:** Exploration and study of a potential program for the fall continues. **Ministries:** Participation is generally adequate to meet the needs of the parish although many of the caregivers are getting older and younger ministers are needed to replace those no longer involved; a welcoming activity is being explored to be inclusive to our parishioners from West Africa, other commissions' involvement is welcome; St. Edward's Church will be the location of an area-wide information event put on by the National Stephen Ministry.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

Social Justice and Charity Outreach: Still a vital program as 2016-2017 budget is prepared; still plan to budget to most of those served in 2015-2016; talked about having an open fund or "Open Activities Fund" to service charitable causes St. Edward's parishioners are called to serve; aware that church revenues are down for the first half of the fiscal year; challenge is to find others from the church willing to step forward where teaching, nurturing and helping out was previously carried out by staff. **Hispanic Ministry:** Reviewed a letter from the Church of the Assumption asking all deanery parishes to support their Hispanic ministries; while we are supportive of our Hispanic community, work must be done to determine how to lend that support; more discussion will take place at the next deanery meeting. **Social Justice and Charity Budget:** Points to being similar to the previous year; reviewing the status of the committed funds from this fiscal period.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

New Parishioner Welcoming: Continuing to implement new welcoming initiative, like adding coverage of the Welcoming Table at an additional Sunday each month (1st and 3rd Sunday of each month); following-up with prospective and new parishioners as they consider and/or join the parish. **Parish Wide Events:** Initiative will focus Q1 efforts on supporting the Lenten Fish Fry, with a variety of ideas and activities under discussion to help support and increase

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FAITH FORMATION

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WORSHIP

Herman Viegas, PC Rep
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Lynn Anne Groebner, Co-Chair
Craig Walker, Staff Rep
Mychael Jones, Staff Rep

NEXT MEETING DATE

participation and implementation; discussed prospective events for the remainder of the year and opportunities for increasing parishioner involvement. **Parish Directory:** Agreed to set a separate meeting outside the current monthly Leadership meetings to focus on a plan and approach for updating the Parish Directory.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Proposal: Discussed a proposal submitted by Judy Foster, Patrick Smalley and the three Faith Formation committees—Adult, SS-8 and Youth & Young Adult—to re-organize Faith Formation staff to absorb adult formation ministries without increasing the FF budget. Tuitions could be raised to compensate for the extra 10 hours being requested for middle grades. **Adult Faith Formation:** Judy shared what is happening in Adult Formation for the rest of the year and how they vision working with Judy and other ministries in moving forward to an intergenerational model of formation in the next 3-5 years. **Vote:** The commission voted to approve the recommended proposal and submit it to the Parish Council and Finance Council for consideration.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Advent/Christmas Season Review: Good feedback noted on the music, including the Christmas Eve “Midnight” Mass prelude and the Advent procession. **Next Year’s Christmas Mass Times Discussion:** Noted a trend among other Archdiocesan parishes to offer more Masses on Christmas Eve and fewer on Christmas Day due to the changing preferences of parishioners; one factor complicating any possible change next year is that Christmas will be on a Sunday; parish input on any possible changes should be sought. **24 Hours of Confession:** Bishop Cozzens has set Friday, March 4 (Noon) to Saturday, March 5 (Noon) as a special time to focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the Church’s observance of the Year of Mercy; St. Edward’s is looking at possible ways to incorporate this focus into its 9:00am First Saturday Mass on March 5th. **Contemporary Music Masses:** There will be four quarterly Contemporary Music Masses scheduled for 2016; music with choir and instrumentalists will begin one-half hour before Mass, similar to Masses held on the Feast of St. Edward and the Feast of Christ the King last year; the first such Mass will be the 10:30am Mass on January 31; the other three Contemporary Masses will be held on Ascension Sunday, and again on the Feast of St. Edward and the Feast of Christ the King; the hope is to make these Masses monthly in 2017, if available resources permit. **Festival Choir:** There is a plan to have a “festival choir,” consisting of singers from all St. Edward’s choirs, sing at both Easter and Christmas this year. **Offertory:** Noted that there is some confusion among some parishioners regarding the meaning and use of the offertory collection basket that is brought up to the altar during Mass; further noted that there is some inconsistency among the three weekend Masses as to when and how this basket is brought up in relation to the offertory gifts; decided that this question should be discussed with the ushers to obtain greater clarity, and that the parish should be given more information as well. **Pancake Breakfast:** It was observed that the Pancake Breakfast held on Sunday, January 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall for the benefit of the St. Edward’s piano fund was well attended; no figures as to the amount of money raised for the fund were available yet.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Leadership Night will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.**