



# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 20, 2016, 7:00 PM

## I. Prayer & Socializing

### II. Administration Update

- "Parish Council Financial Comments" distributed. Cash flow to date remains sufficient to meet operational requirements.
- The Adult Faith Formation Committee will give out the book "Resisting Happiness" at Christmas Masses.
- Sign ups for the pictorial directory remain strong; PC members asked to help during portrait check-in Jan. 10-15.
- Additional welcomers are needed for "Newcomer Registration" weekends. A new chairperson is needed for the Community Life Commission.

### III. 50th Anniversary

- The PC approved a motion that the 50th Anniversary Planning Task Force prepare a solid set of recommendations for schedule of events and budget and present them via a representative at an upcoming Parish Council meeting.

### IV. Planning Calendar

- PC members discussed parish visioning and considered: "Why does your parish exist?" and "If your parish were able to do everything possible, with no limitations on time, energy or resources, what would it look like?" and "What makes your parish different than the next parish over?"
- Comments collected by PC members about how new parishioners will describe our parish one day and how our parish is different from other good parishes included:
  - Energetic vibe/fun
  - Excited to come
  - People care about each other and Church—from ordained leaders to infrequent attendees
  - Welcoming, engaged witnesses
  - Welcoming and forward thinking
  - Full of life
  - Welcoming Catholic Community
  - Involvement of all demographics
  - Friendly, charismatic and up-to-date
  - Compassionate to the needy
  - Providing nourishment of the Lord
- PC members will discuss their answers to, "One day, a reporter will write an article about our parish and it will say:" at a special session of the PC on January 3rd.
- PC members asked to review the "Who We Are" section found on our web page: [www.StEdwardsChurch.org](http://www.StEdwardsChurch.org).

### V. Items for January / Closing Prayer

- **Upcoming Agenda Items:** 50th Planning Presentation and Leadership Transition
- **Special Session:** PC will meet on Jan. 3rd—beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM; gather after Mass, at 7:00 PM—in order to continue visioning
- **Meeting Ended:** 8:47 PM

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob McBeath	Co-Chair
Jennifer Zupke	Co-Chair
George Heenan	Administration
Michael Soderlund	Pastoral Care
Bonnie Strand	Social Justice & Charity
Patsy Murphy	Community Life
Lois Hummel	Faith Formation
Michael Barg	Worship
Maggie Peller	Youth
Open	Youth

Paul Hufnagle	Trustee
Chuck Melby	Trustee

Father Brian Fier	Pastor
Sherrie Schroeder	Parish Administrator
Melissa Cavanaugh	Dir. of Communications

## IN ATTENDANCE

Bob McBeath  
Bonnie Strand  
Patsy Murphy  
Michael Soderlund  
George Heenan  
Maggie Peller  
Lois Hummel  
Fr. Brian Fier  
Sherrie Schroeder  
Melissa Cavanaugh