

**St. Edward's**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**  
**January 15, 2013**

**Attending:** *Father Brian, Mike Barg, Molly Mitch, Jen Zupke, Sherrie Schroeder, Larry Poston, Beth Duffy, Dan Shidla, Felicity Furber, Martie McMahon, Teresa Donovan, Carly Schirber and Barry Weber*

**Not able to attend:** *Ellen Berkowitz, Robby Miller*

**Guests:** *Father Tom Sweetser, Carol Holden*

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The meeting began with Dan K. leading a prayer

We welcomed Father Tom and Carol Holden who are the leaders of the parish PAR process.

**Administrator update:**

Sherrie noted that the Catholic Services Appeal was beginning and to expect the mailing. The Stoltman's are leading the appeal for St. Ed's.

Sherrie and Dan Shidla described the project to improve the parish web site. The project scope has broadened to include additional aspects of communication and capabilities of the site. Dan asked for input from Father Tom and Carol.

**Finance:**

Barry gave an overview of financial results. Through December collections are \$66,000 behind budget. Expenses have been managed in a way so that net income is equal to budget.

With the resignation of Steve Payne from the finance committee, Father Brian has added two new members to the committee. LuAnn Olson and Craig Siiro.

Tithing committee has asked the PPC for a clearer definition of what is included in the calculation

for parish contributions to outreach. The committee has proposed language . Dan K./Dan S. and Sherrie to work as a sub group and return with a recommendation.

**Parish Assessment and Renewal:**

Father Tom and Carol proposed that the parish consider an updated mission statement that is more easily remembered and actionable. An example was provided.

A proposed structure for parish commissions and the relationship with the PPC was laid out.

While not significantly different than the current structure, the proposed structure could result in closer alignment between the PPC and commissions.

Carol provided an example of a process she considered successful for selecting new PPC members.

**Commission Reports:**

Felicity provided an update on the Faith Formation commission. Felicity noted that the commission had not been meeting in the recent past but was now meeting quarterly. Her report summarized the status of each committee. Highlights were that the new Grade 1-8 program has been successful. This was affirmed by several PPC members who are also volunteer teachers with the program. The youth group is thriving. Pat Smalley's leadership was pointed out as a difference maker. Improvements needed included more volunteers and a desire for younger volunteers. Also noted, was a decline in attendance of Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Martie will report on Liturgy and Music at the February PPC meeting.

**Stewardship:**

The stewardship commission is being formed after several years of not existing. Bryan Huntington (volunteer), Sherrie and Dan K. met last week to plan. Dan K. asked for ideas from

PPC on other candidates to join the commission. Bryan is going to present at masses in the next few weeks.

Sherrie to make sure time and talent volunteer lists are distributed to commission leads as soon as possible. PPC commission reps are to assure that every person who returned a time and talent card is personally contacted via email or phone. Deadline for contact is before the next PPC meeting on February 19.

**Pastor Update:**

Father Brian stated that the mid-year financial report would be mailed to parishioners by Jan. 31. Rediscover initiative is underway. St. Ed's will need to balance the PAR process and Rediscover. Faith Formation has ideas on communication and programs. Beth shared a story of how the Kelly book was a spark to lead a frustrated former catholic back to her faith.

Regarding PAR, the PPC will be in the center of the process as Father Tom and Carol wrap up their work. It was noted that the PPC will need to improve its communication to the parish. New member names and welcome to be added to the bulletin.

Carol led a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned