

St. Edwards Parish Council Meeting
26 June 2014 Minutes

Present: Fr. Brian, Dan Kinsella, Martie McMahon, Jimmy Ojo, Sherrie Schroeder, Dan Shidla, Jen Zupke

Absent: Jane Heither, Felicity Furber, Barry Weber, Ellen Berkowitz, Carly Schirber, Larry Poston

Observer/Guest: Jerry Grebins,

- Admin Update: Fr. Tom Sweetzer's letter about inviting people back to the parish was referenced at the staff meeting. The staff wanted the letter brought to PC for recommendation. It should possibly go to the Stewardship Commission.
- Finance Council: No major expenses in May. Building & Grounds are looking into boiler and AC work. Collections are down approximately \$77,000 for the year. The "actual income" figure of \$1,371,052 includes the Matching Grant dollars from the December 2013 campaign.
- Leadership Transition: Paul Hufnagle and Jane Heither replace Molly Mitch and Michael Barg as Trustees, respectively. Thank you to Molly and Michael for their service as our parish trustees these past two years. Commission representatives should inform Dan K. or Martie M. if they want to change commissions. New PC members are Bob McBeath, Kevin Curry and Eric VanBrocklin. Vote for new co-chairs will take place at the August PC meeting.
- Budget: PC role is to understand the budget and advise. Finance Council will actually approve the budget. FC representatives met with different staff groups. There was a 10% to 17 % adjustment made to the budget. All staff took a 5% decrease in salary. Opportunities for increased income were discussed such as user fees and fundraisers. We need to look into what other parishes do for increased income. The impact of smaller budget and cutting back will be recognized as the year goes on. Worship is eliminating one Mass on Sunday. A survey went out to the parish for new Mass time suggestions. The Saturday Mass will not be changed. A back up plan should be in consideration if revenues do not increase. Significant time was spent by the PC to review the budget and the PC has no proposed changes to the Finance Council's latest budget version.
- PAR process check-in: The PAR process will be brought to the Archdiocese. Question to each of the commissions was posed on the effectiveness of PAR. Community Life Commission finds PAR valuable. It laid out the building blocks for guidelines and feels that CDI (Consult-Decide-Inform) is a good process. Administration Commission: still not sure what PC role is with PAR. There are many good things with PAR itself, though. It should be an ongoing process, not just start and complete a project. It is a different way of thinking and functioning. Worship Commission: On the whole, feels that PAR works well in the Worship Commission. Everyone needs to follow the PAR process. . Social Justice Commission: There is not enough time in the Leadership Night, so they have split out time for additional meetings and a rep is sent to Leadership Night. Pastoral Commission: There is good structure, but would prefer to meet 6 times per year. Final thoughts: There is always room for improvement, but we are thankful for the process.
- 25th Anniversary of Fr. Brian's ordination: tie it to an event such as the Feast of St Edward. Worship and Parish Life Commissions should work together. Also, a congratulatory advert will go into The Catholic Spirit. Motion was made and passed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, 19 August 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Martie McMahan