

St. Edwards
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
November 19, 2013

Attending:

Father Brian, Mike Barg, Molly Mitch, Sherrie Schroeder, Larry Poston, Jimmy Ojo, Herman Viegas, Dan Shidla, Felicity Furber, Martie McMahon, Carly Schriber, Ellen Berkowitz and Barry Weber

Not able to attend:

Jen Zupke

Leadership Guide – Dan Kinsella reviewed the status of the leadership guide. The goal is to have it ready for approval by the parish council at the December meeting. Comments are due to Dan by December 6. There was general agreement that the term length of a council member should be three years.

Finance Report – Barry Weber gave the finance committee report reviewing October and YTD operating results. Collections remain a concern. Collections trail plan by \$70,000 and through recent November Sunday collections are running 8% (\$60,000) below prior year. It was noted that pew counts for October show a decline of 8% over the prior year. The status of the stewardship program was discussed along with the generous \$100,000 matching program. It was agreed that we would assess the collection status in January and if the shortfall continues, adjustments to department expense budgets would need to be made.

Frequency of Leadership Nights – it was agreed that Leadership meetings every month was not necessary. There will be no meetings in December, June and July. The parish council will continue to meet in December and June.

Commission Reports:

Faith Formation – the commission recently had several members resign. They are in need of volunteers.

Pastoral Care – Looking for new leaders for the Mass for People with Disabilities and the Young at Heart. A request to transfer the Funeral, Wedding and Mass of the Anointing out of Pastoral Care was made. After discussion, the council voted to move the Mass of the Anointing to the Worship Commission and to leave the Funeral and Wedding committees with Pastoral Care.

Worship – discussed the pros/cons of altar boys/girls. Request was made to buildings and grounds to adjust the sound system for inconsistent sound projection.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kinsella