



## THE CHURCH OF SAINT EDWARD

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# CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

June 21, 2016

### INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with a reflection, offered by the Community Life Commission.

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**Administration:** Budget numbers are better than predicted for current fiscal year. Stewardship is planning a fall renewal and will work with estate and will planning. **Task Force Update:** A motion to recommend the draft of the updated Leadership Guide for approval from Fr. Brian and the archdiocese was passed. **Community Life Proposal:** Proposal to incorporate a raffle at this year's Feast of St. Edward was approved. **Member Update:** Jimmy Ojo and Herman Viegas were thanked for their years of service; Michael Soderlund, Mike Barg and Lois Hummel will be welcomed to the PC in August.

### ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

**Building and Grounds:** Chillers are installed and operational. Final cost below original estimate. Rebates expected. **Communications:** Online giving setup is moving along. **Planning Task Force:** A draft of the updated Leadership Guide was shared with the PC for requested recommendation to Fr. Brian and the archdiocese. **Stewardship:** The Stewardship Committee Chair is transitioning from Jerry Grebin (who will remain on the committee) to Bill Franke, who is preparing an updated plan.

### PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

**New Rep:** Welcomed Mike Soderlund, new rep to the Parish Council. **Separated & Divorced:** Pursuing a new direction for Separated and Divorced ministry, called "The Catholic Divorce Survival Kit", a 12-session program with DVD's and small group discussion. Hoping to implement in January, 2017. **Stephen Ministry:** Planning a presentation which will be open to the parish. On October 20, Fr. Jim Deegan, from Christ the King Retreat Center, will speak on "mercy," as we close out the Jubilee Year of Mercy. **Hospital Ministry:** Available for anyone who is in the hospital. Call the parish office to request a visit. As a new initiative, reminder cards will be given out at the monthly Mass of Anointing. **Young at Heart:** On recess for the summer. Planning for next year is in place. There are about 150 members. **Masonic Home Ministry:** Added three new volunteers. More people are attending Mass than before. **Funeral Lunch:** Volunteers for funeral lunches are needed.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

Loaves & Fishes and Meals on Wheels are going along smoothly. No collections at this time. **Vegetable Garden for VEAP:** Double fences are up and seem to be keeping bunnies out but not deer. Crops planted include tomatoes, cucumbers, Brussel sprouts and peppers. Hoping to beat last year's 300+ lbs donated to VEAP. Reminder that anyone with surplus crops can take them to VEAP. **Dominican Republic Mission Trip:** July 6th will be packing up day. Many items requested were found by an accidental incident. Each traveler uses a carry-on bag for their personal items, while filling their checked luggage with requested supplies. **Supportive Housing:** Have been approached by Oak Grove Presbyterian Church for support in helping with the issue of short supply of affordable housing in our area. They know we are connected with Beacon Interfaith Housing with our "Families Moving Forward". Bonnie will be going to a meeting with an elected area representative to see what they need from us. We are already contributing substantially by paying rent during the year when VEAP's coffers run dry. **Nicaragua:** Susan Kelleet returned from her trip to our sister parish. We

\*Full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are available on the parish website and in the wooden rack outside the parish office.

were able to supply two 40ft shipping containers of packets from FMSC (Feed my Starving Children). These packets are designated for the poorest sections of the country, especially the area that is dry even when there is no drought. CROPPS (Coalition of Relief Organizations Promoting Practical Solutions) is an organization that oversees and coordinates FMSC, church and some government efforts to bring food security to the area—like wells, instruction on irrigation, different crops and raising animals for the area. Through this organization there is mapping of recipients so there is no duplication. Thanks to this organization we can now send two containers for the same price we paid for one 11 years ago. (FMSC now sends out 1.2 billion packets of food around the world). Question raised—can we invite (sponsor) a few members of the Nicaraguan parish here for next year's 50th anniversary?

### COMMUNITY LIFE

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### NEXT MEETING DATE

### COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

**Feast:** Motion drafted for June PC meeting to include tying a raffle into this year's Feast celebration that will ultimately benefit the Social Justice Commission. **Pictorial Directory:** Molly and Melissa met with Life-Touch. Molly drafted a project plan that was given to Sherrie and Fr. Brian and the members of the commission. It is a guide. Pictures will begin in October 2016. The contract is yet to be signed. **New Parishioner Welcome:** Calls welcoming new parishioners continue to be made. **Commission Membership:** New members are needed. Please support the Community Life Commission as St. Edward's Church approaches its 50 year celebration.

### FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

**New Hire:** Nicole Smalley has been hired as middle grades coordinator. **Commission:** All members will remain on the commission for next year and the co-chairs will stay as well. **Adult Faith:** Adult faith is completing their calendar for the coming year and has some exiting new events presented on Wednesdays so that parents can attend—Bible basics, scripture study during Lent, a movie discussion and a presenter on "talking to your kids about faith: how to keep your kids Catholic". There are two new committee members specifically to address the needs of parents of children birth to grade 12. **Birth through Grade 8:** The birth through grade 8 committee met to evaluate the year and help set events for next year. The committee will be divided—birth to grade 5 will have their own committee with three new members to be invited to join; Nicole will determine the committee for grades 6-8.

### WORSHIP COMMISSION (Note: Meeting held June 14.)

**Classroom Crosses:** Committee of Mychael, Rachelle and Terry reported the approval of purchasing new crosses for classrooms and other areas on campus. Question arose about the location of the Celtic cross that Martie brought back from Ireland. **Thank You:** The Commission thanked Herman for his fine work as liaison to the Parish Council. **Picture:** Archbishop Hebda's picture was purchased, framed and hung; however, the picture is uneven with that of the Pope's. **Altar Servers:** We have five servers, all in the 5th grade age range. CLOW kids will be recruited. Mychael and Dc. Jim will plan and train. **Recognition:** Barbecue for worship volunteers is scheduled in July. **Music Update:** Craig distributed a handout, "Worship Technology Assessment". There will be a review of the sound system, video, etc.

### NEXT MEETING

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