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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

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INTRODUCTION

Commissions asked to explore ways to celebrate the upcoming Year of Mercy. George Heenan & Bonnie Strand reported on the progress of the Planning Task Force; focus areas for planning include communication, engagement, financial management, music, social justice, staff development and youth.

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Communications update by Melissa Cavanaugh. Administration update by Sherrie Schroeder. St. Edward's 50th Anniversary (2017) planning discussed by PC members. Planning Task Force update by George Heenan and Bonnie Strand; group discussion. Evaluations for staff discussed by Jen Zupke. How PC consensus is defined was discussed. August and September minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

The building and grounds committee reported the new HVAC digital control system installation has been completed. The committee is continuing to solicit bids for a replacement cooling system. Communications committee thanked everyone who has signed up for e-blast messages.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Stephen Ministers (SM) began a new year; continuing education to enhance skills and knowledge. Masonic Home Mass held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:45am; consistently 25-30 residents at Mass. Masonic Home & Founder's Ridge Eucharistic Ministry team of ten volunteers, seven of which bring Communion to about 45 people on the weeks when Mass is not being held there, would like 2-3 more volunteers who will need to be trained. Young at Heart (YAH) Mass 9/8/15 followed by potluck lunch, 62 members attended; YAH Mass 10/13/15 followed by lunch at Bella Cucina, 59 members attended. Homebound Communion's new chairperson is Judy Funke; current number is 7 ministers and about 14 receivers. Grief Follow-up connects with families after a funeral is held at St. Ed's; currently following 41 people. Mass of Remembrance on November 7 at 9:30am; grief ministers attend/greet families. Grief Coalition Fall 2015 series currently being held at St. Richard's on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm. Prayer Shawl Ministry gave away sixty-four shawls during 2014/2015 year; residents of Founder's Ridge & St. Therese also donating shawls; 100% wool yarn is used to make helmet liners for military in Iraq and Afghanistan; 100% cotton yarn used to make washcloths and blankets and other baby items for area birth care centers. Hospital Visits' six volunteers made approximately 30 hospital visits to 14 patients since June 2015; volunteers visit on M, W, F; must rely on parishioners for notification about hospitalizations. Spiritual Direction's Prayer Labyrinth reports that 67 brochures were taken from various places in the building and 11 comments were written into the journal at the site of the labyrinth (south lawn).

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

Over 270 hard copies of the Isaiah survey collected; information tabulated; an article about the results of the survey will be in the parish-wide Advent newsletter. Forty teams, building 80 dressers, are scheduled to participate in the dresser building for Bridging event on October 25. St. Stephen's Loaves & Fishes ministry, serving meals to up to 250 people on the 1st Tuesday of every month, is losing its coordinators on December 31; thanks to Kris McCullough & Karen Kinsella for 10 years of wonderful leadership; a coordinator is required to continue the ministry, if no one steps forward, there is a danger of St. Edward dropping the

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ministry. The Social Justice Commission reviewed summary points of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and has begun developing ideas and activities to promote the Jubilee Year of Mercy at St. Edward.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Discussion focused on continuing to implement the New Parishioner Welcoming Initiative, including dissemination of the new welcome folders, new parishioner contact and follow-up, Welcome Sunday timing/frequency and table attendance after Masses. Discussion on the need and opportunity to update and publish a new all-parish directory; a new directory is needed and overdue; the Commission will evaluate various directory resources, implications for coordinating and putting a directory together, and what is required; the goal is to publish and disseminate as part of the parish's 50th anniversary celebration in 2017.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Discussed the all parish event on Dec. 2 and how to involve all commissions in celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Discussed again the three committee's evaluation and their 2-3 biggest needs and goals for the next 3-5 years. The commission is synthesizing that information to decide if an all-parish evaluation in the coming year or two is needed. Working toward a 3-5 year plan that will be submitted to the council when completed. Portable sound system purchased by faith formation, filling the gap for smaller events and off-site needs.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Worship will be represented at the Dresser Build event. Reorganization and new placement of Eucharistic Ministers discussed, implementation expected for Advent; the role of sacristans and team captains may be combined; "traveling EMs" will begin and Fr. Fier may move to various stations to distribute Communion at some Masses. Recently, Deacon Jim joined CLOW and participated in the activity during the children's time, away from the congregation; Fr. Fier is interested in doing the same from time to time, with Deacon Jim becoming the presider while Fr. Brian is out of the sanctuary. Recruitment from the recent Ministry Fair did not result in increased numbers; individual commission tables in the foyer drew more inquiries. Advent & Christmas schedule of all events was distributed and will be published in the parish newsletter and advertised; sign-up sheets for the volunteers needed for the Christmas Liturgies will be posted in the foyer. Following positive feedback from the Feast of St. Edward, Craig is planning a similar program for the 10:30am Mass on November 22, featuring more contemporary music and additional instrumentalists; Craig hopes to have similar liturgies once a quarter in 2016. A workshop took place for cantors, with six regular cantors and three high-school students. There will be two songs during Communion, at all Masses, implemented during Advent. Funding for the new Mason & Hamlin grand piano continues. Mychael and Mary Kay will assume responsibility for the art and environment in coming weeks/months. Mychael reported that there will be changes coming in Altar Ministry and that due to a shortage of volunteers there may be a need to combine the positions of lector and reader. Mychael is having training sessions for liturgical ministers.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Leadership Night will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7 PM. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.**