



THE CHURCH OF SAINT EDWARD

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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

March 15, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL*

Financial Summary (dated 2/26/2016) distributed; Trends in Contributions distributed; Preliminary Operating Budget (Profit and Loss Budget Performance) distributed. A committee is being formed to develop a letter and/or materials for distribution to all households, from and approved by parish leadership, for stewardship purposes.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Building and Grounds Committee: The A/C Chiller plan was revised to not use the 80 ton chiller; the new chiller will be \$70,000 less expensive. The cameras for the security system have been installed and are being used. **Communication Committee:** A group will meet to develop an overall Parish Communication Plan. Volunteers with communication or marketing experience needed. **Web Development:** Plans are underway to implement an on-line payment and registration system. **Task Force:** The Planning Task Force is in the process of updating the Leadership Guide to current practices.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Discussed need for Parish Council replacement, since our representative will be completing his 3-year term. Many thanks to Jimmy Ojo for doing such a great job! Talked about revising the Ministry for Separated and Divorced persons. Still investigating options for a program. Need to emphasize support among participants as well as educational presentations. Discussed upcoming Mass for People with Special Needs. Everything is ready and we are happy to have Deacon Mike Powers with us to sign the Mass as well as vest as the Deacon. The current coordinator for this ministry is stepping down. As we go forward we will re-asses how we minister to this group of our parishioners and/or consider other ways to be inclusive at our regular liturgies. Shared reports from each ministry—all going well, on track, successful, etc. However, we could use 2-3 more volunteers for Homebound Eucharistic Ministry.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

The 2015-2016 expenditures were approved and finalized by church leadership and include the following: VEAP, VEAP Summer Program, Banyan (Phillips area), Ascension Place, Meals on Wheels, Other Charities. The 2016-17 request has been presented in the amount of \$48.4K. A Trip to Banyan has been planned for April 6. Banyan is an inner city after school program and helps provide a better education and thus a better future for the young people in the Phillips area. We are still waiting to hear from the Deanery and others regarding our Hispanic Ministry and the part we will play regarding our contribution. Father Herb Hayek of Pax Christi is the Deanery President and he is discussing this issue with Father McDonough at the Archdiocese. Updates by committees were made including our Nicaraguan project, Meals on Wheels, Bridging, Loaves and Fishes and the Tapestry Ministry. It was noted that two containers shipped to Nicaragua provide 1/2 million meals to the hungry in that country. "Feed My Starving Children" makes this very cost effective by donating the food and the primary cost for our parish is shipping the containers.

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

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NEXT MEETING DATE

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

We began our meeting with a quick recap of our recent All-Parish Event, our annual Lenten Fish Fry. It was well received by many, we got a lot of compliments from attendees about the food and the positive atmosphere at the parish. We reached our goal of serving 400 people and it looks like we will also reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000 for the high school youth mission trip to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR! We continued our conversation about the upcoming Parish Directory. Patsy met with a representative from Life Touch to discuss initial planning details. We hope to meet with the representative in the near future as a small group to hash out the details of what will go into the Parish Directory. Our hope is to have directories in hand by September of 2017, in line with the kickoff to St. Ed's 50th-anniversary year. Lastly, we discussed our ongoing goal to increase participation at Parish-Wide Events, and focused specifically on what we can do in the coming quarter. It was decided that we will focus our efforts on increasing attendance at the upcoming Contemporary Mass on May 8th (Mother's Day) at the 10:30am Mass. We hope to utilize Facebook as a key way to reach out to parishioners who have left the parish and to (hopefully) draw and welcome them back. In order to do this, we will emphasize to current parishioners to "Follow" us on Facebook and "Share" the event/posts on their personal Facebook page.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

The commission discussed the proposal for the re-organization of faith formation, which was passed by both the Parish Council and the Finance Council. The commission discussed possible audiences for next year's adult formation presentations and how to determine the needs. We have been working on a womb to tomb formation program evaluation. So far we have done evaluations/visioning in the 3 committees and the next step in the coming year is to do a survey of needs with the entire parish. The commission discussed the membership for next year's commission and a possible council representative put forth by Faith Formation. We thank Andrew Johnson who has been a wonderful advocate; he will attend college next year.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

The commission discussed various alternatives for Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2016. In 2016 these holidays fall on Saturday and Sunday. A review of other local church Mass times for 2015 was conducted. Of ten churches reviewed they all had at least two Masses on Christmas Eve and 90% had at least two Masses on Christmas Day. Times varied from 2:00pm to midnight on Christmas Eve and 7:30am to 12:30pm Christmas Day. After much discussion the Worship Commission is recommending that St. Edward's Church continues with 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass ; and, if the choir is agreeable, to change the last Mass to 10:30pm. If this will not work for the choir it is recommended to remain at 11:00pm. On Christmas morning the Worship Commission recommends Mass times remain at 8:30am and 10:30am. Although attendance may have been low at the 11:00pm Christmas Eve and 8:30am Christmas Day Masses in 2015 the Worship Commission believes the congregation should have these alternatives. This recommendation will be considered by St. Edward's staff, along with other input.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Leadership Night will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.**