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CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

November 17, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with an opening prayer followed by discussion time for The Year of Mercy, a Task Force Update from George Heenan and Bonnie Strand, committee meetings, committee reports and a closing prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL*

Administration update from Sherrie Schroeder; St. Edward's 50th Anniversary (2017) discussion by PC members; communications update from Melissa Cavanaugh; Planning Task Force update by George Heenan and Bonnie Strand with discussion from all PC members; Year of Mercy discussion by PC members; December agenda included the next meeting date of Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM; October minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Building and grounds reviewed long and short term projects including replacement of heating and air conditioning system and security system. Communications discussed technology needs for improved internet speed, photo equipment and system enhancements.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Discussed ideas for the Year of Mercy. Per the Parish Council Task Force, identified a need to more fully support people going through a separation or divorce: Deacon Jim investigated "Faithful Spouses: A Gift of Self", a 12-month program with a focus of healing and self-growth modeled like an AA meeting, moderated by volunteers that includes Scripture readings, book discussion and peer support; focus is positive rather than negative; anticipated cost is minimal as the current budget for Separated/Divorced ministry could be shifted to this program; next step will be for Deacon Jim and volunteers to attend and look at implementing this program at St. Ed's. Mass of Remembrance was held earlier in November and was well attended with positive feedback. Stephen Ministry is going well; there are no care receivers waiting for a Stephen Minister (SM); pursuing sending one SM to leadership training; SM is having their fall retreat Nov. 21st. Young at Heart had 134 attend Thanksgiving event; planning for Christmas is well under way. All programs are going well and operating within budget; anticipate getting new budget numbers in January.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CHARITY COMMISSION

Three Task Force Planning Priorities: (1) Involve people in social action and find volunteers; (2) Outreach: funding needs in our own community as well as ministries in the greater community; (3) Communication: raise awareness of social justice principles and issues. Isaiah Survey: Connect with Isaiah and the other churches that have offered the survey to compare notes. Dresser Event: Demonstrated how important it is to look for more "Family Service" projects. St. Stephen's Loaves & Fishes needs co-chairs: don't want to lose a 30-year tradition; have monthly volunteers, just need someone to coordinate. Jubilee Year of Mercy: Presentations with speakers telling their real life stories of things like Immigration, Homelessness, etc.; a Christmas Tree with ornaments that explain what Mercy is and inviting people to take an ornament, discuss as a family and write on the back what that family did and bring back to the tree. FMF: Went wonderfully with lots of participation! SJC all-ministry meeting will be Mon., Dec 7th.

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COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Year of Mercy: Continue to find ways to integrate efforts. Newcomer Welcoming: Implementation includes welcoming prospective parishioners and embracing new parishioners; Welcome Table staffed every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at all Masses; updated information passed along to ushers and greeters; since October 1st, eight new families/people have expressed interest in joining the parish and of those eight, five have joined. Parish-Wide Events: Q1 2016 feature event is the Lenten Fish Fry; gathered and assessed past Fish Fry procedures, participation, funding, donations, key issues and opportunities and set a targeted participation level for this year's event.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Discussed the task force study for future long and short term needs and priorities for the budget for 2016-17 and will submit a report confirming faith formation needs (and affirming the other needs submitted by other commissions that also affect FF ministries) to the task force by the deadline. Discussed the upcoming Dec. 2nd all parish event celebrating the kick-off of the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy; remind all ministry leadership and participants to attend.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Year of Mercy: Official YOM prayer at all staff meetings, youth events, etc.; recommended prayers to be included during the prayers of the faithful at Mass; researching materials for CLOW; perhaps designate a corner in the bulletin. Three priorities for visioning for 2016 & 2017: (1) Reinvigorating music, broaden the spectrum of music, update musical style of the parish to include more contemporary options; (2) parishioner engagement, focused on the young for liturgical roles, time, talent, treasure; (3) infrastructure and rebuilding. Piano Fund Update: Approximately one third of the cost of the piano has been donated; pancake breakfast will be hosted by Knights of Columbus on Sunday, January 17th that will benefit the piano fund. Advent and Christmas Planning: Preparations are underway without any issues. Status of Contemporary Music: Contemporary music will be featured at the 10:30 Mass on November 22nd for Christ the King; looking at feasibility of accelerating plans for contemporary music in 2016—considerations include blending contemporary elements into all Masses (along with traditional) as opposed to having a dedicated contemporary Mass, offering a more traditional Mass for those who don't care for contemporary music. Sound System: Will continue to maintain the current system and tweak as needed. Leadership Guide (PAR): A guide for how things should work, with archdiocesan approval pending. Alarm System: Arrangements to have alarm system de-activated for Christmas Eve/Day, as appropriate. Next Worship Commission Meeting: Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30pm (no December meeting).

NEXT MEETING

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