

St. Edward Church Pastoral Council Minutes
November 19, 2009

X	Father Kopacek	X	Vicki Parsons	Exc	Emily Nelson
Exc	Gina Burg	X	Sean Schott	X	Jolene Kneeland
X	Fred Freese	Exc	Teri Berry	X	Dawn Smith
X	Milt Dakovich	Exc	Jim Schaefer		
X	Cristina Ortiz	Exc	Andrea Berns		
X	Marilyn Thornton	X	Jim Koch		

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fred Freese led us in prayer. The October minutes were read and approved.

Discussion Items/Action/Education

Social Concerns Fall Disbursements

Angela Conrad, chair of the Social Concerns Committee, presented the proposed fall disbursements totaling \$ 22,160. Disbursements were approved by Pastoral Council.

Guest Speaker – Carol Luce, CVCS Service Learning and Leadership Coordinator

Carol Luce spoke to the Council and gave an overview of her duties as CVCS Service Learning and Leadership Coordinator. Through a power point presentation, Carol explained what Service Learning is and how it is incorporated into both the elementary schools and Columbus High School. Projects chosen by the 6th graders in the schools include: underage drinking, homeless shelters and animal abuse.

Fall Festival Results – Cristina Ortiz

Cristina reported that the Fall Festival netted over \$36,500 from the event.

Fence Discussion

Council members were asked if they had received any more comments regarding the fence removal. Some members have received opinions both ways as to whether the fence should remain or be removed. This item will be put on the February agenda for discussion and vote.

Youth Report – Emily Nelson

No report as both Emily and Andrea were in Kansas City for NCYC.

Deanery Council

Fr. Kopacek reported that the primary focus of the meeting was on the Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines dealing with vision and mission statement. A DVD relating to this topic will be viewed at a later meeting.

Educational Topics and Guest Speakers

Milt asked for suggestions for guest speakers at the Pastoral Council meetings. If there is an area that anyone would like to hear about or addressed, please contact Milt.

Perpetual Adoration Volunteers – December

Milt asked for a volunteer for December 27 – Fred Freese committed to that date.

Calendar

November 20 – Harvest Dance and Social at the KC Hall, 7:00 p.m.

December 17 – Christmas Social – 6:30 Meeting; 7:00 social (spouses invited)

Upcoming Events

- January 31 – Appreciation luncheon for St. Edward volunteers

Karol Hoth asked the Pastoral Council members to provide bars for the Appreciation Luncheon on January 31.

Thank You Notes

No thank you notes.

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Kopacek spoke to the Model of Constitution & Bylaws that was emailed to all council members. Our current constitution and bylaws will need to be revised according to this model in the near future.

The Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m. at Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church. Fr. Kopacek will be giving the homily.

The joint Communal Reconciliation Service with Sacred Heart will be held on Sunday, November 29, 3:00 p.m. at St. Edward Church.

Fr. Kopacek displayed the new combined missalette/music issue that will be used beginning the First Sunday of Advent.

The water run-off problem with neighbor and parishioner, Betty Stiles, has been resolved and she is very thankful.

Covenant Medical Center is in the interview process again to locate a Catholic priest for the chaplain position. Fr. Peter, a Nigerian priest, who had accepted the position, has not been able to come due to the illness of his father in Nigeria. Area priests are covering both Allen and Covenant at this time.

An in-service arranged by the Office of Worship in Dubuque entitled "Upcoming Changes in the Mass: Saying What We Believe" was held at Blessed Sacrament Church on Monday, November 16. This is a first in a series of in-services that will be held to acquaint us with the translations that are coming out for the new sacramentary. The earliest these changes would take effect would be Advent of 2011.

Committee Reports:

Social Concerns – report received

Haitian Twinning Committee and Okolona

Liturgy Committee – report received.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – No November meeting.

Finance Committee – report received

Youth Ministry – No report.

Education and Faith Formation Committee – November meeting will be at a later date.

Deanery Report – oral report.

Stewardship – No report

CVCS Board of Education –report received

Milt Dakovich adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17, 2009.

