

St. Edwards Pastoral Council Minutes April 28, 2011

X	Fr Kopacek	X	Milt Dakovich	X	Fred Freese
Ex	Regan McLaughlin	Ab	Brian Harrison	X	Jolene Kneeland
X	Jim Koch	Ex	Emily Nelson	Ab	Cristina Ortiz
X	Vicki Parsons	X	Jim Schaefer	X	Sean Schott
X	Dawn Smith	X	Marilyn Thornton	X	Mark Wall

Call to Order

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Jolene Kneeland led the group in prayer. In the period of meditation, Milt mentioned that the Feast of Divine Mercy (May 1) is approaching and Pope John Paul II will be beatified on that day.

The roll was taken by Gladys Oppold.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Discussion Items/Action/Education

2011-2012 Budget: Steve Duggan

Steve Duggan presented the July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 budget which the Finance Committee had approved. He credited much of the work to Marilyn Schons. There is no increase in income as the present figure is close to the actual giving. The expenses are also very close to the present year with slight increases noted in Father's health insurance and the building and grounds insurance coverage. The subsidy to CVCS will remain the same. A review of the history of the CVCS subsidy was noted on page 6 of the presented materials. Vicki Parsons made the motion to accept the proposed 2011-2012 parish budget. Jim Schaefer gave the second. The motion was passed.

The Buildings and Grounds 2010-2015 budget was reviewed. This is more of a working long range plan for the B&G Committee so it did not need approval of the Council.

Youth Report: Emily/Regan (There was no Youth Report)

Deanery Council Update – Vicki Parsons

Vicki reported that at the Deanery Council meeting, there was discussion of the Inclusivity Survey regarding those with Special Needs. The group also studied an update of the plans for the 175th anniversary celebration of the Archdiocese. The majority of the meeting, however, was spent on the changes in the Mass that will be put in place on the first Sunday of Advent. Vicki asked that Council Members be positive role models and agents of change. Father added that the recent issue of the Witness listed the priest changes for this year. Father Juhl will be leaving Blessed Sacrament and is going to St. Ludmilla in Cedar Rapids. Father Tom McDermott from St. Ludmilla will come to Blessed Sacrament.

Perpetual Adoration Volunteers:

Volunteers were sought for the Sunday 8:00-9:00 a.m. adoration hour.

June 5	Fred Freese	June 12	Mark Wall
June 19	Remains open	June 26	Jolene Kneeland

Review Priest Wellness Document (Introduction and Spiritual Wellness Sections)

Father Kopacek explained that this document is an update of the former document of 1995 entitled the Priests' Welfare document, one of the first documents promulgated by Archbishop Hanus. The document was written in light of changed pastoral circumstances: fewer number of priests, clustering of parishes, increase in the number of priests living alone, confusion regarding the expectations of priestly ministry, struggles to balance the public and private aspects of the priest's life, and the technological advances that can crowd out time for personal prayer, study and growth. During the years 2007-2010, the Priests' Senate revisited this document and updated several areas, entitling it "Priests Wellness". Father led

council members through the Introduction and Section 1 Spiritual Wellness. Members discussed how this information could also be disseminated to the entire parish. This discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting minutes were included in the Council packets this time and will be included in the future. It is hoped by doing this that awareness can be raised regarding questions which arise at the local level. These concerns could be sent to the Deanery Council and then on to the Archdiocesan Council.

Pastoral Council Elections

Mark Wall presented the slate of officers for the annual election set for May 7-8.

Vicki Parsons, Sean Schott, Dawn Smith, Traci Funk, Peter Camilli, and Becky Hargraves will be running for the open Parish Council positions.

Ethan Davis and Kathryn Pranger will run for the Youth position.

John Wood and Jim O'Connor will run for the open CVCS Board of Education position.

Voting is on Mothers' Day but the counting of the ballots will not occur until the following Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Calendar

Dave Cushing, Director of Adult Faith Formation, will be the Guest Speaker at the May 19th Pastoral Council meeting.

Other Business

- Committee Reports
 - A question was asked about the study being done regarding security at the school and church. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is continuing their study.
 - Another question was asked about the timeline for fixing the front steps at the church. This will affect what potted plants could be placed there. It was explained that the decorating of the grounds should continue as the repairing of the steps is still in exploratory mode.
 - It was noted that the replacement of the carpets in the two small rooms in the lower level of the church was listed in one report. At this time, that has been placed on hold as the carpets are still in good condition.
- PR Related Ideas
 - Milt asked that Board Members call his attention to events which could be used as PR.
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Carnival – May 11
 - First Communion –May 15 at the 11:00 Mass.
- Thank You Notes
 - To Amy and Eric Kimball for their work as coordinators of the recent Paschal Meal.

Pastor's Comments

Father reported that he was pleased with the way Lent and the Holy Week events evolved. He mentioned that he has been asked to give the Invocation for the Holocaust of Remembrance, May 3rd at 7 p.m., at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum in Waterloo. The month of May is filled with numerous school year end activities and other events. He reported that the bids for the construction of the Middle School have been opened but some additional negotiating is ongoing..

Closing Prayer: The closing was at 8:10 was led by Jolene Kneeland.
Next Meeting: May 19, 2011, at 7:00. Opening Prayer: Jim Koch