

**St. Edwards Pastoral Council Minutes
November 17, 2011**

X	Fr. Kopacek	X	Milt Dakovich	Ex	Fred Freese
X	Becky Hargreaves	Ex	Brian Harrison	X	Jolene Kneeland
X	Jim Koch	Ex	Regan McLaughlin	X	Cristina Ortiz
Ex	Vicki Parsons	Ex	Kathryn Pranger	Ex	Sean Schott
X	Dawn Smith	X	Marilyn Thornton	X	Mark Wall

Call to Order

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order. Opening prayer was led by Mark Wall, in the absence of Vicki Parsons. The roll was taken by Gladys Oppold. The October minutes were approved as read.

Discussion items/action/education

- **Social Concerns Fall Disbursements** – Angela Conrad
A listing of the Social Concerns disbursements proposed for Fall 2011 to Spring 2012 was presented. Any amounts over \$500 need Council approval. Angela Conrad, Chair of the Social Concerns Committee responded to questions and clarified some of the areas of assistance for those unfamiliar with them. After the discussion, the disbursements were approved. Council members applauded the breath and variety of the local, national, and world-wide assistance our parish gives through the work of this committee.
- **Guest Speaker:** Deacon Rick and Marjorie Lynch
Deacon Rick Lynch explained that a deacon is a servant who carries the Word by his life, preaches the Word and does acts of charity. The application was a lengthy process involving psychological testing, financial testing, and continued discernment. The training period was five years of classes equivalent to a Master's degree when husbands and wives met every other weekend. Marjorie added that there was a ceremony specific for the wives the night before the ordination of the deacons. Rick works with the elderly and has begun some work with immigrants in Waterloo. Retirement for a Deacon is at the age of 75, but an individual can request the pastor to continue working. Council members expressed their gratitude for the presentation.
- **Youth Report:** No Report. Both Youth Representatives were attending the NCYC from November 17-20th.
- **Perpetual Adoration Volunteers for December:**
December 4 - Vicki Parsons December 11 - Jolene Kneeland
December 18 - Marilyn Thornton December 25 - Becky Hargreaves
- **Interfaith Open House Nov. 6** - Father Kopacek
Father reported that the Interfaith Open House was very well organized. Displays were set up in the Church Hall by the Social Concerns Committee, St. Edward School, and the Faith Formation Committee. The Welcoming Committee video was shown. Father welcomed visitors in the church proper and gave a brief history of our church. Tours were given and assigned persons gave explanations of the Baptismal Font, the stained glass windows, and items in the sanctuary and sacristy. It was hoped that more would have been in attendance.
The next event will be in Cedar Falls at the Mennonite Church and the First Presbyterian Church at a date to be determined. A somewhat different format is being discussed.
- **Fall Festival Results** – Karol Hoth

Over \$30,600 was raised by the Parish Festival. Karol Hoth had words of praise for Ron and Rosemary Paar for their role as chairs of the event. Karol mentioned that Theresa Bovy stepped forth to chair the Kids' Café and that was a huge success. Dawn and Jeff were praised for their role in creating the Walk and Run Relay on the Saturday prior to the Festival. It was a huge success.

- **Finish Review of Priest Wellness Document:**

The final section of the document covered items that each priest is encouraged to give special care: nutrition, physical fitness, and their emotional health. These were discussed and Father explained how he strives to meet these guidelines. Following the discussion, ideas were shared about the promulgation of this document to the parish population. This will be revisited at a later meeting.

- **Calendar:**

December 15: Christmas Social (6:30 Meeting followed by a Social upstairs at 7:00)
Each is to bring one appetizer to share.

Other Business-

- **Committee Reports**

A question was asked about the new policy on the locking of the church. The response was that study is ongoing with a final review to be completed by John Baker.

- **PR Related Ideas** – The newly formed Marketing Committee will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 21.

- **Upcoming Events**

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Gathering at the Westminster Church on Kimball Ave.

- **Correspondence:**

Thank you to Ron and Rosemary Paar for all their work in coordinating the Parish Festival.

Pastor's Comments – Father Kopacek

-Mike Knipp spoke to the parishioners to encourage help in completing the Capital Campaign for the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools.

-Sunday, November 20, there will be a special Mass at the Cathedral to open the year of celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Dubuque Archdiocese. Three members from each parish could attend. Two of our members will be Emily Nelson and Andrea Berns, students at Loras College and past youth representatives to our Pastoral Council. A special anniversary prayer will be inserted in the front of the music books in church.

-The West Hancock football team from Britt, Father's hometown, will be playing for the finals at the UniDome. Father will attend the 2:00 game on November 18.

Closing Prayer: The meeting ended with the closing prayer at 7:29.

Next Meeting – December 15, 2011, at 6:30; Opening Prayer: Cristina Ortiz