

St. Edward Pastoral Council Minutes
October 24, 2010

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

Call to Order

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He led the group in prayer, in the absence of Emily Nelson. The roll was called by Gladys Oppold. The minutes of September 20, 2010 were approved.

Discussion Items/Actions/Education

Guest Speaker-Joni Hansen-Hospitality House

Joni Hansen began her presentation with some history of the establishment of the Hospitality House. In 2008, there were 2,872 homeless or near homeless who requested some type of service in Black Hawk County. At that same time the number of homeless in the state of Iowa could have filled a city the size of Charles City. The need to care for our homeless resulted in the establishment of the Hospitality House. The hours are from 9 to 4 each day. The house is staffed by 12-15 regular volunteers. Breakfast and lunch are available. Laundry can be done and showers can be taken. Computer usage is available. Teaming with Wartburg and UNI has brought students who are in the Social Concerns/Poverty classes to volunteer. The Metro FaithWorks group provide some outreach information and tools for clients. 56% of the homeless display some type of mental illness so assistance comes from the Black Hawk/Grundy Health Center. The backpack project provides a sleeping bag, pillow, soap, toilet paper, flashlight, socks, etc. to the homeless at the cost of approximately \$80 through donations. Approximately 20 of these backpacks have been given out. Personal successes and challenges were shared by Joni. The hospitality House fulfills a need not before met in the community. Council members applauded Joni's presentation.

Youth Report

The Archdiocesan Youth Rally will be held at the Five Sullivan Brothers' Convention Center Nov. 7th. Columbus will be hosting its 2nd Annual Coffee House in the Columbus Commons on Nov. 7th from 7-8:30 pm. The proceeds will go to the Columbus High Food Drive fund. Columbus hosts a Wednesday evening prayer service each Wednesday in their outdoor chapel. This usually runs from about 8:30-9pm. and open to others who wish to join them.

Deanery Report

There was no meeting but there will be one before the next Pastoral Council meeting.

Perpetual Adoration Volunteers needed for December

Milt Dakovich asked for volunteers for December and the following dates were filled.
Dec. 5 – Mark Wall; Dec. 12-Jim Koch; and Dec. 19 Jolene Kneeland; Dec. 26- To be determined

Educational Topics and Guest Speakers

The group discussed possible presenters for future meetings. Tom Ulses will present at the November meeting.

The December meeting will be a shortened meeting at 6:30 with a Christmas social beginning at 7:00. Spouses are invited. Each member is to bring an appetizer to share.

Other Business:

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee: The Time and Talent results have been tabulated on a spreadsheet and will be promulgated.

The Fall Festival was a great success. Though the day was started out with the raffle sales being under its goal, it ended with sales over the goal of \$30,000. The dinner count was down about 150 but the inflatables and Kids' Cafe were popular. Rosemary and Ron Paar have agreed to be chairs for the 2011 Fall Festival. Their co-chairs will be Kellyann and Steve Trost.

Sean Schott reported that the entire parish fence has been sold and has been picked up by the new owner. More dirt has been brought in, leveled and seeded where the fence had been.

Thank You Notes:

To David and Rachel Jones for their dedication, diligence, and hard work as chairs of the recent Fall Festival.

To Joni Hansen for her informative presentation of the role of the Hospitality House in the Waterloo Community.

To Ann and Al Schott for their work in the removal, storage, and sale of the parish fence.

Pastor's Comments:

The Parish Mission will be October 24 and 25th. Father Scott Bullock will speak at all weekend Masses. He will lead evening prayers and give a talk on Sunday and Monday evenings at 6:30. A reception will follow each night.

Father gave a report on the CVCS Capital Campaign which has passed the \$6million mark. If all goes as planned the new structure will be completed in 2012 the same year as the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese. This may make an opportunity for a dual celebration. A commitment Mass is planned for a weekend in early December. People will be given another opportunity to make a pledge while those who have already pledged will have the opportunity to give their pledge as an offering within the Eucharistic celebration.

There will be four funerals: 1 on Saturday, 2 on Monday and 1 on Tuesday. Father expressed his appreciation to all who have anything to do with and for the funerals.

Closing: Milt Dakovich closed the with prayer at 8:20.