

St. Edward Pastoral Council Minutes

September 16, 2010

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

Call to Order

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Cristina Ortiz led the group in prayer. The roll was called by Dawn Smith. The minutes of August 19, 2010 were approved.

Discussion Items/Actions/Education

Guest Speaker-David and Rachael Jones, Fall Festival Chairpersons

David began by passing out a handout with charts comparing 2010 to the last few years. He supplied comparisons of raffle sales as well as volunteer commitment levels. At this time we are down 18% with the raffle sales. Volunteer commitment has increased in the service category, but is lacking for those offering to provide goods. They are still in need of a chairperson for the games committee. David and Rachel have been working hard to get the festival communications on line. They have created a Google website to hold all relevant documents, and created a Gmail account to retain the working history of the festival. That account is St.Eds.Fall.Festival@gmail.com. They also provided us with an updated report of current and outgoing festival committee chairpersons!

Youth Report

Emily Nelson reported that James Larson has been well received by the Columbus students as their new campus minister. The youth group WCYM has been meeting the past few weeks on Saturdays. There is an Arch Diocese of Dubuque Youth rally coming up.

Deanery Report

Vicki Parsons spoke about the Priest Wellness document that was addressed at their meeting. This is a document stressing the importance of making sure the priests have a balance in their lives. Revisions are currently being made and we will have future discussions on how to help Fr. Kopacek have balance. Demographic maps of the arch diocese were handed out. They show how parish populations have/are changing. These are helpful for the arch diocese and parishes with their planning of the future. These maps were very reflective of our aging population.

Proposed Future Membership to the CVCS Board of Education

Father Kopacek briefly explained the changes again and a vote was taken. By consensus, the document was approved.

Other Business-

Committee reports were handed out. Cristina thanked the Board for the desserts they donated for the 1st annual Fall BBQ. The event was a success! The date for the 2nd annual fall BBQ has been set for August 20, 2011. **Time and Talent** forms will be inserted in this weekend's bulletin. Next weekend the Stewardship Committee will speak at all the masses and inform the congregation about the new approach of the form as well as to fill it out! The stewardship committee will also be doing the tabulating of the results this year.

Pastor's Comments

Fr. reminded us that he will be on retreat from October 3-7th. The Building and Grounds committee has been speaking of purchasing the rest of the pieces to our nativity set. This purchase would be made with funds from a private donor. An outdoor stable/structure was suggested to house the nativity set. A parish in the Quad Cities has one and has offered to help us with the blue prints, etc. Estimated cost of the structure is \$2000.00. It will be easily assembled/disassembled, secure, and have power.

Closing Prayer