

**St. Edward Church Pastoral Council Minutes  
September 17, 2009**

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

Milt Dakovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Emily Nelson led us in prayer. The August minutes were read. Correction was made to the minutes to read, "Pam Schowalter, St. Edward's Principal, was the **August** guest speaker". The minutes then stood approved.

**Discussion Items/Action/Education**

**Guest Speaker – Joni Hansen**

Joni Hansen presented to the council a new volunteer program that is sponsored by Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Catholic Parishes in Waterloo. This program will train volunteers who will help those in need going beyond their emergency needs. The volunteers will work to help the clients create a plan to meet their needs and to remain in contact until the case is closed. This volunteer service "Ministry of Presence" will be looking for and asking for names of those persons to help in this ministry. Joni gave the Council the proposed Ministry of Presence outline.

**Fence Discussion**

A copy of Fr. Kopacek's letter that will be in the Communicator explaining the history and future of the fence currently in place along Kimball and Mitchell was given to each parish council member. Discussion was held following the time allowed to read the letter. Council will wait to hear the responses received after the Parish receives this letter to decide further actions.

**Youth Report – Andrea Burns/Emily Nelson**

Andrea and Emily gave the Youth report. Some upcoming events:

- August 23 – Rush Kickoff
- September 13 – Lawn Chair Wars (scavenger hunt)
- September 23 – CORE begins – the CORE and Columbus students will meet following the classes at Columbus
- October 4 – Drive in Movie Night
- October 18 – Operation Paperback (sending paperback books to soldiers)

**Perpetual Adoration Volunteers –September**

Milt reminded Teri (September 20) and Cristina (September 27).

**Calendar**

October 15 – Mary Pedersen – CVCS Campus Ministry

**Other Business:**

**Deanery**

Vicki Parsons is the President of the Waterloo Deanery. Vicki and Fr. Kopeck informed the Council that on Sunday, October 4, that all parishes would meet to review the new guidelines for Parish Councils. Confirmation of the meeting will be sent to the Council.

### **Parish Council Theme Basket**

Gina Burg volunteered to put a basket together for the Fall Festival that would be sponsored by the Parish Council. Donations from the Council members would be accepted to help cover the cost of the baskets.

### **Upcoming Events**

- October 11 – Fall Festival – Cristina asked for volunteers
- October 25 – 27 – “Be a Blessing for Others” Mission with Fr. Dave Shatz

### **Thank You Notes**

### **Pastor’s Comments**

Fr. Kopacek will be on retreat October 4 – 8. Fr. Jim Starbuck will be helping with the daily mass during this time. Father shared an article from the Witness that explains some changes that will take place in the Mass in 2010. These changes will be shared with the Parish before they begin.

### **Committee Reports:**

Social Concerns – Gina reported that they will be requesting blankets to be given at the Community Meals

Haitian Twinning Committee and Okolona

Liturgy Committee – report received

Buildings and Grounds Committee –

Finance Committee – report received

Youth Ministry – report given

Education and Faith Formation Committee – report received

Deanery Report – report given

Stewardship –

CVCS Board of Education –report received

Milt Dakovich adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be October 15, 2009. Jolene Kneeland will have the opening prayer.