

Minutes
St. Edward Pastoral Council Meeting
January 3, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Present: Fr. Allen Bratkowski, Barb Pippenger, Jean Spencer, Anne Sadowski, Laura Gellott, Ben Baran, Lynn Michelau, Mike Marz, Rob Steberl, Tom Determan Sr., and Cindi Johnson (staff to the Council)

Excused: Marilyn Pelky, Shirley Chmielewski

Guests: Eloy Contreras and Abbi Determan

Opening Prayer: Fr. Allen led a reflection of the “One Percent Challenge”

Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2016 Meeting:

Anne Sadowski made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1st and Ben Baran seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest: Eloy Contreras, Youth Minister, ACTS Youth Ministry (Active Catholic Teens in Service)

- **ACTS** has a Facebook page and its own website (www.actsracine.org) where anyone can see what the ministry is involved in as well as the upcoming events.
- The mission of the ministry is to ignite in teens a passion for lifelong learning rooted in prayer, service, justice and fellowship.
- Renew the Vision book is the basis for the youth ministry.
 - Curriculum – provide vision from the church
 - Commission of adults - is a team that sets guidelines for teen ministry
 - Support from Pastors and parish leadership
- In order for the ministry to grow they need advocates for the ministry.
- This program is a “one man show” and they are in dire need of adults to help with transportation for members to get to the events that ACTS supports and/or sponsors.
- Eloy stressed that this is not a club, nor are they a group that just sits and prays together. They are a group of teens working to establish a lifelong relationship with God. Their prayers focus on the 3 F’s. Faith, Family, Friends and creating healthy relationships in these areas.
- The youth ministry is comprised of teens from all three of the parishes in our cluster with 90% of the membership from St. Patrick.
- Eloy is at OLOGA every Thursday. He is establishing relationships and getting to know the students. He does daily riddles, sits with various groups and has lunch with them and is outside for recess to further interact with the students.
- The ACTS group has started an afterschool program at OLOGA the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.
- ACTS operates completely on money raised by various fundraising events and does not receive any subsidy from the parishes to help offset their expenses of approximately \$6,000.00 annually. In 2016 they raised approximately \$16,000.00 and that is expected to decline for 2017 due to the following:
 - Leadership in Real Racine has changed and the Iron Man and Color Run are not returning to Racine this year and that is where they received a bulk of their funding from

- They will need to be more “creative” in their fundraising going forward.
 - Grant writing
 - Volunteer at Racine County Fair, Pumpkin Chuckin’ in Union Grove etc.
- There are upcoming retreats and mission trips scheduled for this year.
 - February 18th retreat for 5th to 8th grade; cost \$15.00 per person
 - June 26 – July 2 in St. Louis for the Alive in You work camp; cost is \$500.00 per person
 - Stubenville Conference; cost is \$250.00 per person
 - Neshotah, Revolution of the Heart Camp
- If anyone ever has concerns, comments, critiques, suggestions Eloy asks that they email him. He is open to any and all suggestions to improve the youth ministry of our cluster parishes.
- Pastoral Council members suggested that the ACTS ministry have a working budget and submit to the parishes for review and approval. If this ministry is expected to grow, it needs support from each of the parishes.

Old Business:

1. School Collaboration Updates:

- Committees are being formed:
 - i. Communication/Marketing: Elizabeth Hoff
 - ii. Finance: Dan Horton & Bruce Varick
 - iii. Government/Curriculum: Corey Anshus
- There is no board in place at this time
- Goal to have a “president” in place by July 2017

2. Parish Cluster Update:

- * The following committees have scheduled joint committee meetings:
 - * Human Concerns – January 10
 - * Prayer and Worship – January 18
 - * Life Long Learning – January 25

3. Parish Website:

- * The new parish website is up and running
- * Need to add a link to the ACTS website

4. Christmas Fair Update/Report:

- * Profit after all expenses paid \$5,726.64; down about \$228.42 from 2015.
- * Suggest a few changes for next year.
 - * Hours are too long with only 1 mass. Propose changing to 9AM to 1PM
 - * Open table spaces to a few crafters for a fee and a raffle item.
 - * Need to revamp to increase interest (i.e. – flyers, food, layout etc)

5. Follow ups from November council meeting:

- * New member folders to be updated
- * Voice mail message updated
- * Personnel committee – has not met
- * Co-ordinate human concern sub committees – Laura Gellott will take care of

New Business:

1. Parishioner Concerns:
 - * No new concerns or comments.

2. Planning for joint Town Hall Meeting:
 - * Joint Town Hall meeting to be held on March 12th at St. Richard's Vogel Hall
 - * Coffee & Kringle will be provided
 - * Laura will put together a PowerPoint presentation with statistics
 - * January 21/22 and 28/29 each parish to have papers in pews asking for comments/suggestions from parishioners
 - * Preliminary agenda items to include:
 - * Holy Week Mass schedule
 - * Future Mass schedules at both parishes
 - * How is the "Pastor sharing" going for each parish
 - * Joint committee meetings

3. Cluster Parish Lenten Mission:
 - * Fr. Domenic Roscioli presentation March 5th thru 7th
 - * Sunday March 5th, 6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish
 - * Monday March 6th, 6:30 pm at St. Richard Parish
 - * Tuesday March 7th, 6:30 pm at St. Edward Parish

4. Cluster Parish Lenten collection:
 - * Fr. Allen will discuss with Fr. Anthony

5. Council social event / fish fry:
 - * Dinner and fellowship for Pastoral Council and staff will be February 17th at Buckets.
 - * Additional details (time, menu options & pricing) will be forthcoming in an email from Laura.

Committee Reports:

1. Prayer and Worship: Mike Marz reporting
 - Joint meeting with St. Richards to be held on January 18th

2. Building and Grounds: Ben Baran reporting
 - No meeting in awhile
 - There is a leak in the science lab ceiling. It is not from the roof, possible pipe leak.

3. Finance/Budget Update/Endowment: Cindi Johnson and Barb Pippinger reporting
 - Endowment balance as of September 30, 2016 was \$402,847.00
 - There was an increase of approximately \$16,000.00
 - Need members for the Endowment Committee, Tom Determan Sr. offered to join the committee.

4. School Advisory: Anne Sadowski reporting
 - Update on the Latino Enrollment Initiative
 - i. School celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th with a prayer service and catered taco lunch

- ii. Later in the school year there will be a Heritage Dance Group put together or an existing group brought in. The parish will be invited via the bulletin.
- New school website is up and running
- Racine Parental Choice Program
 - i. 2017-2018 intent to participate is due January 10th, looking to fill 210 seats.
 - ii. 2017-2018 school calendar – attempting to align to St. Joes and JP II
- Future advisory board meetings: February 16, March 16, April 27 and May 18

Staff Reports:

Due to the holiday's and how soon the Pastoral Council meeting fell, no staff reports from the School, Child Development Center and Christian Formation were available. These reports will resume with the April Pastoral Council meeting.

Pastor's Remarks:

- The Child Development Center is looking for a part time maintenance person; 5:30 to 9:30 pm weeknights.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 ; 6:30 pm

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting with St. Richard and St Edward council members at St. Edward's in Schaffer Hall.