**Minutes**

**St. Edward Pastoral Council Meeting**

**April 4, 2017**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Fr. Allen Bratkowski, Shirley Chmielewski, Anne Sadowski, Laura Gellott, Ben Baran, Lynn Michelau, Marilynn Pelky, Rob Steberl, Tom Determan Sr., and Cindi Johnson (staff to the Council)

**Excused:** Mike Marz, Barb Pippenger, Jean Spencer

**Opening Prayer**: Led by Fr. Allen

**Approval of Minutes** from January 3, 2017 Meeting:

Ben Baran made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2017 and Tom Determan Sr. seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

1. School Collaboration Updates:

* Updates can be found at racinecatholicschools.org
* Goal is still to have hired a President and have an administration in place by July 2017.
  + The posting and job description for this position is currently available on the Milwaukee Archdiocese website.
* The by-laws have been submitted to the chancery for review and approval.
* The new school collaboration will begin with the 2018-2019 school year.
* Some unanswered questions/concerns by Pastoral Council are:
  + How will this collaboration affect the sustainability of St. Edward Parish?
  + What will the parish contribution be to the school financially?
  + With the decreased revenue from Racine Parental Choice, what will the parish budget/finances look like?
  + What, if any, affect will the lack of ADA accessibility have at the various schools?
    - Will schools be given time to comply with ADA or face closure?

2. Parish Cluster Update:

* Town Hall meeting was very well attended by both parishes.
  + Both parishes’ questions/concerns are more understood by the other parish.
  + Good to see and hear such open discussion and willingness to work together.
* Lenten Mission – Houses for HOPES
  + Banks in the shape of houses will be available after Ash Wednesday Masses at all 3 parishes.
  + All money collected will go to support the efforts of the HOPES Center in Racine.
* Combined parish picnic is Sunday July 30th at Johnson Park
* Each parishes’ bulletins are now being provided at the other parishes in an effort to keep each parish more informed on what the other is doing.
* The “Open House” suggestion at each parish has been tabled at this time and will be revisited in the fall.
* St. Richard Parish has a “Resurrection Choir” and offered to assist with music for funerals at St. Edwards.

3. Follow ups from January council meeting:

* No follow up remaining

**New Business:**

1. Parishioner Concerns:

* Expressed interest in more upbeat/joyous music, at least the last song to send people forth and be uplifting.
* Would like the Breaking Bread books back in the pews.
* Why has the plaster/painting repairs on the east entrance not been completed.
  + The leak has been fixed but weather in the fall was not conducive to the plaster and paint repairs, that will be complete this spring.

2. Pastoral Council Nominations & Elections for 2017

* Ben Baran’s 2 year term as Trustee is up for renewal/re-election
* Marilynn Pelky, Anne Sadowski have served 2 full terms and are not eligible to run for for re-election.
* Laura Gellott has completed 1 full term and has decided not to re-run at this time.

Time line for elections:

* Nomination forms in pews April 8/9 and April 15/16.
* Discernment Sunday – TBD
* Nominee acceptance forms and biography’s due by May 14
* Nominee bios to be published in the bulletin on May 20/21 and 27/28
* Elections June 3rd and 4th.

3. Other items:

* + None

**Committee Reports:**

1. Prayer and Worship: Mike Marz reporting

* Mike Marz was excused from meeting, no report to provide.

1. Building and Grounds: Ben Baran reporting
   * There are some repairs that need addressing this year:
     1. The roofs on the boiler room and garage need to be replaced
     2. Roof of the garages by the breezeway
     3. The sidewalk by the courtyard is sloping toward the building and water leaks into the stairwell
2. Finance/Budget Update/Endowment: Cindi Johnson reporting and Barb Pippinger excused
   * Since June of 2014 St. Edward’s has paid approximately $315,000 of the money in arrears to the Archdiocese. Balance owed is about $400,000.00
   * Pastoral Council asked Cindi to provide a brief financial statement for each meeting.
3. School Advisory: Anne Sadowski reporting
   * Covered in Bruce Varick’s staff report below.
4. Endowment: Cindi Johnson reporting
   * As of March 2017, balance is almost $402,000.00

**Staff Reports:**

Our Lady of Grace Academy – Bruce Varick

* + Enrollment project for 2017-2018 school year.
    1. Budget will be based on 215 scholars
       1. 211 Voucher seats of which 158 accepted
       2. 34 Tuition seats, with 19 accepted.
  + All Racine Catholic schools have reached an agreement to begin the 2017-2018 school year on August 29th.
  + The school has purchased LEGO education kits for use among several grades and across math and science curriculum. Included with the purchase is a 1 day training for the teachers.

Christian Formation – Fr. Allen reporting in Rita Burgess’ absence.

* + Bishop Haynes confirmed nine religious ed students from St. Edward Parish
  + At the Easter Vigil, 2 OLOGA students and two St. Richard parishioners were baptized.
  + Life Long Learning – Last one, until Fall, will be held on Sunday April 30th and it will be an intergenerational session.

Child Development Center

* + Annual Mostaccioli Dinner is April 27th at Infusino’s Banquet Hall from 5:00-8:00PM.
  + Enrollment for the 4K program is open
  + Summer program enrollment will begin in April and fill up fast. They are planning lots of field trips and in house special events.
  + Fathers’ Night was held on February 16th and everyone seemed to have a great time
  + The Child Development Center has been awarded 5 Star by the State of Wisconsin for the 4th year in a row. It is the only faith based, non-profit center with this high of a rating.

**Pastor’s Remarks:**

* + Nothing to add at this time

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Laura Gellott

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 2, 2017; 6:30 pm

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting / Finance Council Meeting.

**Note: Due to scheduling error the joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 p.m., followed by the joint meeting at 6:30. The May 2 meeting was canceled.**