

St. Edward's Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 10, 2017

Present: Ed Lawlor, Fr. Critch, Sean Doyle, Tony Fitzgerald, Patricia Power, Cathy White

Absent: Jackie Hennessey, Gerard Walsh, John Power

1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer – lead by Fr. Critch

2.0 Review and Adoption of the agenda – additions 6.2 APC & RPC meetings

3.0 Review and Adoption of minutes from previous meeting – minutes from Dec. 12, 2016 were adopted by Tony Fitzgerald and seconded by Sean Doyle with the following changes: Patricia Power was present at December meeting; 5.4 should read "KOC have long term lease".

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Election to Parish Council – notice was put in bulletin. Fr. Critch will speak about the election at the weekend masses. Council members agreed that we need a youth representative on council and a motion was passed indicating such. The motion was brought to the council by Patricia Power and seconded by Ed Lawlor. Article 6 in the "Constitution for St. Edwards Parish Council, Jan 12, 2010," will be updated to include the new position.

4.2 Screening Update – Ongoing

4.3 Food Bank Update – Fr. Critch will meet with the mayors of CBS & Paradise to highlight the financial crisis that the foodbank is encountering and seek solutions.

4.4 Website Development Update – meetings will be scheduled with Ed Smith for the end of January to discuss the website and how it can be developed to meet the needs of the parish.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Sacramental Preparation – Most of the children who are registered for First communion and confirmation are attending mass on a regular basis. On Jan 21st & 22nd, 2017 Fr. Critch will meet with parents and children followed by refreshments. Fr. Critch has also ordered some reading material for the children's parents.

5.2 RCIA – two people have volunteered to be on the committee but still looking for others. Cathy White has agreed to go on the committee, if needed.

5.3 Finance Committee – need to complete a budget for 2017 and will give overview of 2016

5.4 Knights of Columbus Hall – a furnace has been bought by the KOC to replace the one that broke. Hubert Power & Patrick Dobbin, representatives for the KOC, will meet with Fr. Critch to discuss the present lease agreement and the future funding requirements needed to maintain the hall.

5.5 Cemetery Fund – donation cards need to be put in the funeral home and a separate fund should be created for the cemetery. All money collected at the cemetery mass will be put into the cemetery fund.

5.6 Pastoral Care – the team is working hard to visit people in special care/senior homes.

5.7 Bereavement Committee – very busy as there is a shorter time period from death to burial. A new filing sheet will be introduced to collect information.

5.8 Church Maintenance – the motor in the air exchanger has been fixed, now the central vac needs to be fixed or cleaned so the black residue can be removed from the ceiling. The stairs on the outside of the church leading to the school parking lot are very slippery. It was suggested that a box of salt and a shovel be placed next to the door so people can use it when needed. A first aid kit is also needed for the church and Tony Gilbert has agreed to follow-up on this matter.

5.9 Lenten Mission – a profile was distributed on the speaker for the Lenten mission, Fr. Michael Kelleher. A poster will be designed to advertise the mission, and Ed Lawlor has agreed to distribute it at the APC & RPC meetings. A theme for the Lenten mission must also be developed.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – there will be a service on January 18th at St. Edward's Parish to celebrate Christian unity with a social to follow. There will be a combined choir from various churches.

6.2 APC & RPC Meeting – the APC meeting will take place at the Basilica Parish center on Saturday, Jan 14, 2017 from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. The main topics to be discussed will be evangelism and catechesis. The RPC meeting will be held at Holy Family on Feb. 18th. All zone meetings have been completed and Vince Withers is expected to give an update in February or March.

7.0 Other

7.1 Fundraiser – a dinner is planned for February in St. Edwards Parish hall to raise money for parish kitchen which needs a dishwasher, new dishes, counter top, etc. Maybe a valentine dinner on Feb. 17th would be a possibility. Once a date has been confirmed more details will follow.

8.0 Next meeting – Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017 at 7:00pm, parish house

9.0 Closing Prayer – lead by Fr. Critch

10.0 Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Cathy White