

**St. Edwards Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
May 9, 2017**

In attendance: Fr. Critch, John Power, Ed Lawlor, Patricia Power, Wayne Lacey, Cathy White

Regrets: Sean Doyle, Jackie Hennessey, Helen Butler, Tony Gilbert

1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer – members welcomed by Ed Lawlor; prayer lead by Fr. Critch

2.0 Review and adoption of Agenda – accepted with no additions or changes

3.0 Review and adoption of previous minutes – the minutes from April 11, 2017 were adopted by John Power and seconded by Wayne Lacey

4.0 Business Arising

- 4.1 **Election of Executive** – Fr. Critch would prefer to leave all council members in present positions for another year, if possible. There will be several changes over the next year due to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and having people with experience and knowledge in their present positions on council may assist with the transition. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 4.2 **Strategic Plan** – The new structure will be announced in June. This will mean changes for our parish and people need to be prepared.
- 4.3 **Parish Social Center** –the hall has been painted, dishwasher installed, and new dishes bought. Fr. Critch would like to have social event once a month as it is important to come together as a community. The social committee presently consists of Wayne Lacey, Patricia Power & Doreen Dwyer. New members are needed to organize events, fundraise, book hall, etc. The floor in the hall also needs to be stripped, waxed and cleaned.
- 4.4 **Sacramental Preparation** – was very successful with a very dedicated group of participants. A social was held at the end for parents, participants and parishioners.
- 4.5 **Cemetery Committee** – Cemetery needs a lot of work and Fr. Critch may request additional funds for upgrades. One hundred donation cards have been printed for the cemetery with 50 cards for the funeral home and 50 for the front entrance of the church.
- 4.6 **Maintenance** – ceiling still needs to be cleaned in the church. Shingles are missing off the front entrance of the church which need to be replaced asap and the parking lot must be repaired. The posts in the parking lot could be removed and replaced with blocks. The lot also needs a new coating, lines, and one additional handicap space. Lights need to be replaced in the parish center.
- 4.7 **Pastoral Care** – Fr. Critch is willing to visit the sick in their homes or even in hospital if the request is made. Family members are also encouraged to bring communion to the sick in their home.
- 4.8 **Bereavement** – could use more people on the committee. It is difficult to get ministers for funeral masses as many are working or busy during the daytime hours.
- 4.9 **Development and Peace** – raised approximately \$1100.00 during “share the lent campaign.” Thank you to Sr. Madeline and Mary Holloway for your commitment and dedication to this very worthwhile cause.

- 4.10 **Coordinators** – will meet with Doreen along with Fr. Critch to discuss scheduling of ministers. Coordinators are trying to determine who on the list is still active, as there appears to be fewer ministers now than in the past.
- 4.11 **Foodbank**- Paradise clergy will be included in the ministerial committee to discuss the foodbank. All Saints Parish has a luncheon once a week from 12-1:30 and all money raised is donated to the foodbank. The volunteers at the luncheon are very welcoming and everyone is encouraged to attend.

5.0 New Business:

- 5.1 **Financial Report and Budget** – the financial report for 2016 was distributed to all parishioners and Terry Flemming , chair of the finance committee, explained the report . It was noted that during the summer months the weekly collection decreases and direct deposit maybe one option for solving this issue.
- 5.2 **Fund Raising Dinner** – the second fund raising dinner will be held Saturday, May 27th, 2017. Money raised from this event will be used to help pay for the commercial dishwasher installed in the parish hall.
- 5.3 **Archbishop's Appeal** – donations are required for silent auction and dessert table. Parishioners are encouraged to buy seats at archbishop's fund raiser and envelopes will be attached to bulletin for monetary donations. Tickets will also be sold on "Parish Draw, Grand in your hand," cash prize \$1000.00. If all 300 tickets are sold, \$2000.00 will be raised for the Archbishop's appeal.
- 5.4 **Archdiocesan & Regional Council Reports** – The Archdiocesan Council met during the first week of April and again on May 12th. Ed Lawlor, the parish council representative , was not able to attend. The Regional Council met April 29, 2017 to discuss the program at Queen's College and how it is being revamped. Discussions were also held regarding the strategic plan. Overall parishioners seem to be more accepting of the changes that will take place over the next couple of years. The next Regional Council meeting is tentatively booked for June 10th.
- 6.0 **Next Meeting** – June 13th, 2017 at 6:30 in Parish house; BBQ followed by council meeting
- 7.0 **Closing Prayer** – lead by Fr. Critch
- 8.0 **Meeting adjourned** – 9:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Cathy White