

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

**Present:** Cathy White, John Power, Sean Doyle, Wayne Lacey, Jackie Hennessey, Helen Butler, Fr. Hann

**Absent:** Ed Lawlor, Tony Gilbert

1.0 Welcome and opening Prayer – lead by Cathy White

2.0 Review and adoption of Agenda – additions: 6.1 Pest Control, 6.2 Cleaning Parish Centre, 6.3 Food Bank Rep, 6.4 Ministries, Adopted by Wayne Lacey, seconded by John Power

3.0 Review and adoption of previous minutes – adopted by Jackie Hennessey, seconded by Sean Doyle

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Mission – Eugene O'Reilly is guest speaker for this year's mission being held Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted between St. Edward's and Villa Nova. More information to come as to how this will be split. Cathy to get more information from Fr Critch as to what is required from the parish ie flights, meals, accommodations, advertising. Fr Hann says Eugene usually looks after his own accommodations. Guess there will be some fee to cover this.

4.2 Fall Fair – Helen and Jackie to make announcements at mass each weekend working up to Nov 5. Tickets sales are slow, about 200 tickets left. Need at least 300 bottles for the bottle table. Mobile Sign (advertising the fair), we may not be able to put the sign up on the main road, town council will no longer let you put a sign up on the road, it has to be on your own property. We are hoping we can convince them that where our church sign is too, is our property. Helen has Chris Ledrew (sign guy) looking into this. There is also construction going on in that area so we may not even be able to put a sign there. If not we will make up one to attach to the already in place church sign. Wayne will post notice on the wall of the K of C.

4.3 Maintenance/signage – A new sign is up on the main road. Ceiling needs to be cleaned, central vac needs to be repaired. Terry Fleming (Finance Committee) is looking after this.

4.4 Sacramental prep – Fr Hann is leaving the sacramental prep up to the catechists. Helen told him that they sat with a couple of people from Villa Nova at the Catechetical Conference at the Archdiocese September 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>, they decided they would get together and do the same focus sessions for both churches. That way if a family can't go to one church, they can get to the other and not miss anything. He thought that was a good idea. Registration is ongoing. Enrolment will be the first Sunday of Advent.

4.5 Youth Representative – we would like to have a youth representative on the parish council. This request will be put in the bulletin to see if a youth would come forward. If a youth does not volunteer than another method to recruit may be used.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Fundraiser – Patricia Power is going to have a fundraiser to raise additional money to finish the kitchen. She'll be doing a grand in the hand, where the winner will win \$1000. Will take place Nov 18 – Dec 10. Council members were in agreement with the fundraiser.

5.2 Nominations for parish council – Nominations posted in bulletin, it's a 6 week process should be finished late November. Jackie and Sean's first term are up, they can go on for a second term if they wish. A suggestion was made that whoever accepts nomination a little

blurb and/or picture of that person would go along with the ballot so that voters will know who they are voting for. We recognize people in the congregation but we don't know their name.

5.3 All Souls Celebration – Nov 2, will be held at our 7:00 mass, followed by a social.

#### 6.0 Other

6.1 Pest Control – Wayne mentioned that with the cold weather coming we will be getting mice. He suggested we get a pest control to come by. He will get two quotes and pass on to Cathy who will pass on to the Finance committee.

6.2 Cleaning the parish centre – Wayne mentioned that the parish centre and the washrooms are not being cleaned in a timely manner. Maybe this is not part of the cleaner's duties. Jackie to check with Mary Claire as to who are the cleaners and what their duties are. Maybe we need to go over with them as to what has to be done. As well get another quote for them to come by after a social to sweep and wash the floors of the parish centre and clean the washrooms.

6.3 Food Bank Rep – Margaret Leonard is retiring from being our food bank rep. Wayne Lacey was our alternate who has agreed to be our rep, and John Power has agreed to be the alternate. They are having a hard time getting a quorum to hold a meeting, can't even get enough to hold their annual general meeting. We need to have a committee to help collect food. Wayne says that Sobey's has a legislation now that they don't dump good food. A person from the food bank will go their daily to collect what they can't sell. They have some large freezers now, so they can take food and freeze which is a great help. They can now freeze breads, deserts, meats etc. They done well with the Thanksgiving food drive at the schools. We should look at the ministry sign up to see if anyone had offered to help with this ministry.

6.4 Ministries – John Power has brought up on how some people are doing the same ministries every week, when others are not being called on at all. Fr Critch had appointed Patricia Power to oversee the duties of the committees. She is to have a look at the schedules before they are sent for printing in the bulletin. Hopefully this will catch those who are one every week and those taken off when they have moved or will be away for a period of time. It was suggested that we have a leader of each ministry and have them responsible for making sure that those that are on that weekend will be there or they have a replacement. That would take the stress off callers for trying to get people every week. Also email messages would be a lot easier than trying to call people and leaving messages waiting for them to call back.

Meeting Adjourned, closing prayer, next meeting November 14, 7:00