

St. Edith Pastoral Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
7 p.m. - Fireside Room

Meeting Minutes

Attended: Deb Beaman, Jane DeRoo, Terri Field, Elisabeth Johnston, Patti Kelly, Alex Mager
Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle

Absent: Joe Bertrand, Denise Brady, John Brady, Renee Billotto, John Bodnar, Deacon Don
Esler, Megan Szczypka Wolschleger

- I. Opening Prayer - Mark led the council in a Hail Mary in Renee's absence.
- II. Review and Approve Minutes - The April 5, 2022 minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Chairman's Comments
 - A. Patti Kelly - Introduction

Patti Kelly introduced herself as the new social worker at St. Edith. She started on May 2, 2022. She previously worked for nine years for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She lives in Novi and is a member of Holy Family parish. She has been married 27 years and has two children, who previously attended Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ladywood, and Catholic Central. She looks forward to working with St. Edith and developing programs and services to meet the parish's needs. Mark will add Patti to the Parish Council email distribution list so she receives information and updates from the Parish Council. She is welcome to attend future meetings too!

- B. Finalize Goals and Objectives for 2022-2023

Following the April 5 meeting discussion of the goals and objectives for 2022-2023 along with additional comments and feedback from Parish Council members, the 2022-2023 goals and objectives are complete. Mark expressed his thanks to all those who provided edits. He shared that it was not necessary to include language about the Family of Parishes covenant, but the covenant is readily available to anyone who may want to read it and Fr. Jim is happy to share it. Also, it was deliberate to include language in Goal III that the church and school are one. Fr. Jim will share the goals and objectives widely with the parish in the coming months as they will be helpful and important for parish members to know and understand. It was suggested that for next year, the Parish Council set SMART goals, enabling for better measurement and attainment of goals.

1. Discuss Committee Reports - For 2022-2023, committee representatives to the Parish Council should come prepared to the meetings to report on their committee's progress towards the goals and objectives that are assigned to their committees. Committee reports will continue to be emailed prior to the Parish Council meetings for members to read, but the focus of committee reports at the meetings will be on the status of their committee's goals and objectives.

C. Parish Council Members-at-Large

Elisabeth's and Alex's terms expire June 30, 2022. Elisabeth agreed to serve another term and Alex will not be serving another term (Thank you, Alex for your service!). Alex's seat will need to be filled and if council members have suggestions, especially of younger males to fill it, please share names with Mark and Fr. Jim. The council is diverse in its make-up and it is important to keep the composition as such moving forward.

D. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - May 21

Register to attend by May 16, 2022. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is a great opportunity for St. Edith volunteers to be thanked!

IV. Fr. Jim's Comments

- A. Georgene Wojciechowski will be retiring as principal in June. The position has been posted. Please share the job posting with candidates you think/know might be interested.
- B. Continue to think about how to get young families, both RE and school families, back to church. For example, activities that encourage children's participation in Mass are helpful in getting the families to church because parents bring their children to participate in them (ex. Palm Sunday procession with children.).
- C. Discussion ensued about how to promote our activities, programs, etc. that will bring people back and/or to St. Edith. The bulletin is a great tool to share and reference for information about parish activities.
- D. Discussion ensued about sending a postcard at the beginning of fall 2022, encouraging people to return, along with a list of upcoming events.
- E. The organ completion continues to be delayed due to the hold up in getting the pipes. The concert scheduled for the end of May will be rescheduled when the organ is finished.

V. Committee Reports - Any items not in previously sent minutes?

- A. Vicariate - N/A
- B. Christian Service - absent

- C. Education - Deb mentioned that she discussed with the Education Commission how to bring the non-school and school families together and co-sponsor events in the future.
- D. Evangelization - absent
- E. Seniors - absent
- F. Worship - nothing new to report
- G. Finance - absent

VI. Old Business - nothing to report

VII. New Business

Patti asked for suggestions for topic ideas to be included in a survey to parish members about what they may want in terms of programs, services, etc. Suggestions included external service opportunities, how to integrate your spiritual life into your home life, groups for young fathers, and groups for children going through divorce.

Moving forward, there needs to be more timely promotion of upcoming St. Edith activities. For example, promotions for the upcoming golf outing began last weekend and the event is in a week and a half. Parish members are interested in participating, but need more advance notice.

VIII. September 13, 2022 Meeting - Opening and Closing Prayer Volunteer

Elisabeth - opening prayer

Terri - closing prayer

The September 13 meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with a picnic. Mark will coordinate the picnic details and share them in August.

IX. Closing Prayer - Deb led the council in a closing prayer.

Submitted by: Elisabeth Johnston