

Pastoral Council Minutes
May 3, 2016

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15.
- All were in attendance except Dave, Rosa.
- Marc led us in Faith Sharing.
- The PC New Member candidates introduced themselves then told the group why they are interested in joining the PC and a little bit about their time at St. Edward's. PC members posed a few questions to the candidates. Then candidates asked the team a few questions. The entire group had a brief social exchange, and then the candidates were excused around 8:00.
- After the Candidate introductions, Fr. Brendan led the team in open discussion to determine which of them would best serve the Parish as a PC member. We arrived at consensus and three of the candidates were selected. We had further discussion that we needed to find one more member who would represent the younger adults of the parish. It was decided that we would search further for a younger candidate. Bob and Marc had an idea for a candidate which Marc agreed to pursue.
- The April minutes were approved with corrections. We agreed that Spanish minutes are not necessary.
- The dates of our final two PC meetings were reviewed. Due to schedule challenges, the June 14th meeting was rescheduled to May 31st. We agreed that the July date will be an agenda item at the 5/31 meeting.
- Pastor's Comments (Father Brendan)
 - o Stewardship
 - PSA- we over achieved our goal. A kitchen renovation for Knight Hall will happen.
 - New Parishioner Reception - once again was well attended and the stories newcomers told were humbling and uplifting. St. Edward Parish definitely makes newcomers feel welcome and part of "The Family."
 - Outreach Council is continuing to smooth out its goal to make outreach more meaningful and long lasting.
 - o A House of Prayer and a House of the Poor
 - St. Edward's was a busy parish during the month of April and will be again in May with Sacraments of First Eucharist, Baptisms, and teen Confirmations.
 - Father Achilles is coming, possibly for his last visit as we explore new avenues for effective outreach.

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- Flock Notes are growing nicely! Over 900 folks are now receiving.
- Faith Sharing Groups are growing slowly.
- o Integration: One parish, church, chapel & school
 - We discussed that it might be prudent to develop a big donor strategy if/when we go forward with the Annual Gala
 - Parish Census discussion took place about what next steps are. Maybe this could be a summer project?
 - Corazon Build will take place May 14th.
 - Fiesta begins May 20th.
- Round table - Fr. Brendan asked the team to consider changing the PC meeting day of the week to the first Wednesday of the month. Those in attendance thought that Wednesdays will work with their schedules. Terry is to follow up with new members to determine if new day works for them as well.
- Closing Prayer (Marc)

Next Meeting: May 31st. Fireside Room 7:00 PM (Faith Sharing, Minutes, Snacks by Rosa)