

**St. Edward and St. Lucy Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Thursday August 23, 2018**  
**@ St. Edward**

**Members present:** Fr. John Burkley, Sharon Seliskar, Donna Kolesar, Lou Bodnar, Bill Scicolene, Dennis Szymanski, Erin Shirkey, Jacque Soltis, Cliff Evans, Norm Nowakowski, Bernadette Bodgas-Guy, Sharon Mathies, and Jan Helt. (Secretary)

**Members not present:** Marge Petras

**Staff present:** none

**Others present:** Scott Wojtasik.

Everyone welcomed back Dennis S. He thanked everyone for their prayers. We will continue to pray for him

Father opened meeting with Prayers and reflection.

**Review of August 23 minutes:** Norm N. motioned to approve minutes and Jacque S. seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Sister Rosemary-not in attendance. It was stated that everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. Jan said that Sister Rosemary worked very hard putting VB together this year.

**PARISH HAVING FUN ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Father John said that Michelle was very happy with the turnout. Each event brings more and more people. Michelle would like to have a meeting to plan the 2019 events. Father John said her perseverance is paying off.

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH:** The first session will be on September 9. This year the theme will be **The Creed**. This will be our 16th year for G.O.F. Sister Rosemary has been recouping from knee problems but, Father stated that Sister Rosemary is committed and he is sure that she will be back for this year's sessions. The question was asked if the parish had a back-up plan just in case Sister Rosemary does not feel well enough for the September session. Father John stated that he was sure Sister had a back-up plan if needed. Father said he felt confident enough that Sister Rosemary will handle it.

Father John said that he was looking for someone to take over the choir at St. Lucy as Jim O'Reilly had resigned and his last weekend would be the last weekend in August. So far he hasn't found anyone to take over. It is a battle to find anyone. Father said that he placed an ad

in a couple of Diocesan papers for a musician. In the meantime someone suggested that the parishioners at St. Lucy could sing along with a recording. The keyboard does have that capability to record and play back.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Erin S. stated that the finance committee met at a special meeting and decided that the parish would not be able to sustain hiring a full time person at \$60,000 a year. The Finance Council reviewed the finances and said that according to the weekly income from both churches, it would not be wise to hire someone and then not be able to keep the person on staff. Father John said that the finance council did allocate \$6,000 a year from each church (\$12,000) towards the youth group Ministry.

Father John stated that a meeting on Life Teen (Youth Group) is scheduled for September 16 for parents and students. He felt that having a meeting would show if anyone was interested in our parish having a youth group and it would show what kind of commitment they are willing to make to make this happen. Theresa from St Helen's Life Teen program said she would get back to Father and maybe make arrangements for our kids to go there. Sister Rosemary is part-time being paid for 20 hours a week, but she works more like 40 hours. Sister said that she would not have a problem retiring if the parish is ready to move in a different direction. Lou B said that he was concerned that we spend \$100,000 on paving the parking lot at St. Edward for appearance but the parish can't come up with more money for our youth. Lou B asked about the CETAP funds. If there is \$72,000 in the CETAP account, why can't we use that for other things? Father John said that it is a contract and that money belongs to the CETAP program. Father said he will not commit to hiring someone for 3 years, when he is ready to retire. Father stated we need volunteers. Father said that most churches our size have volunteers to work with the youth and it is usually the parents. Our parents need to be involved and they are not. Lou said he doesn't think the parents should be admonished for not volunteering and he thinks we shouldn't keep reminding them to commit. Lou said that our Finance Council made the decision that is physical, but not energizing to G.O.F. Erin said that Sister Rosemary gives 40+ hours a week and gets paid for 20. Erin said that there is no volunteer that would do that. Erin said the CETAP money is not helping anyone by just sitting there. We should be able to use it for our youth group. It is a waste not being able to use it. Erin asked why everyone (all the parents at G.O.F.) could help with the CETAP fundraiser. Then the money could be divided for use. Scott spoke up and said if you want to talk about money, what about the general fund? Sharon S decided to table this discussion until next meeting because we have a lot more to cover in tonight's meeting.

**PARISH LIFE SURVEY UPDATE:** Bernadette B said they are going with the initial survey, adding one question on the back. We will have one open ended question on the survey. She said they wanted to make it as broad as possible. We will start promoting the survey in September. The survey will take place in October. The sub-committee was thinking since the Mass count is October 7 and 14, maybe do it that that week-end. It is also G.O.F. week-end. We will need some volunteers from council to help pass out the surveys. Right now we will be working on the open ended questions which should be interesting. Great job to Bernadette and her crew.

**PARISH PICNIC UPDATE:** All the food was very good. It was very nice, lots of fun and no rain, very well attended. The Rocket car was a great attraction as usual, everyone had fun.

**CHICKEN DINNER CAR SHOW:** Jan said as usual it was a great event; good food, great people, well attended, and lots of fun for everyone. We sold out of chicken serving 675 dinners. We cooked 50 more than last year and still sold out. Jan said she wasn't exactly sure of the profits but it was at least \$30,000 dollars. It was a perfect day also.

We discussed the youth group and monies in the CETAP account further. It was decided to continue the conversation at our next meeting. Erin said that maybe Karen can email the group the CETAP contract before the next meeting. Jan said that she thought that Karen had already passed out the contract at a previous meeting.

**MEN'S GROUP:** The 2nd meeting was well attended. The men discussed how frequently they thought they should meet? They discussed different names for the group and decided on the Men's fellowship. It sounded like a good name. The group would like to make it official and to be recognized by the council. There is a need and enthusiasm for this Men's group.

**Important dates:**

Ministry Conference-St Gabriel	Sept. 29-8:30 a.m.
Wine tasting at Laleure Vineyards	Sept. 28
Youth Group meeting	Sept. 16
G.O.F.	Sept. 9
RCIA Session Begin	Sept. 23
Men's group	Sept. 20

**AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

G.O.F.	Chicken Dinner-wrap-up
Youth Group update	Men's group
Parish Life Survey	Stewardship

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 27 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Lucy.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Helt, Secretary