

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson: Kristine Schroeder
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:00pm

Secretary/ Minutes: Cindy Hill
Location: Grellinger Hall

Participants: Pastoral Council: Father Chuck Hanel, Tyler Feldkamp, Mike Hausman, Cindy Hill, Donna Jensen, Kathy Korn, Mic Pietrykowski, Bob Rohde, Christy Rosenberger, Kristine Schroeder, Mike Voss

Excused: Steve Szocs

Guest: Barb Vite – Parish Stewardship Director

Item	Discussion	Next Steps & Responsible Party
Prayer/	The meeting began with a prayer.	
<i>Rebuilt</i> - Book Discussion	<p>Chapters 9 & 10 were discussed – Chapter 9, titled “Build from Below”, discussed how culture has changed our lives to that of being disconnected at a personal level. Many successful organizations are struggling not only with membership but also support. Church groups are no different which is the reason small groups need to be encouraged. The book stressed the following about small groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Keep small – 6-10 people. People are social beings that need to share and have a personal connection. The small group holds people accountable to sharing and being personable. 2) Integrate into the life of the parish –groups must remain in communion with the church leader. The group should be time limited so commitments can be made. 3) Groups are the primary delivery system for pastoral care. The content should be determined (such as the prior homily). 4) Groups are about life change – relationships allow conversations which lead to conversion 5) Groups help people to become growing disciples <p>Chapter 10 is titled “Don’t Rob God”. Fundraisers are successful in the short-term and too many cause donor fatigue. The chapter discusses how successful church funding should focus on “raising givers”. Suggestions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish leaders should begin with the tithe – work toward 10 % • Reconsider fundraisers – reduce special appeals and second collections • Pray over your offering as it is taken • Live within your means – be good stewards of whatever is given. • Preach about money as often as it comes up in the lectionary. Preach about giving to the parish once a year. Consider calling it “Stewardship Sunday” – the commitment card is collected at the altar as a sign of how important their commitment is. On the same weekend, host an annual business meeting to review the budgets. Transparency and trust is important - share how the donations are being used. <p>The next meeting (May 18) will again start at 6:00 to discuss chapters 11 and 12. The Pastoral Council meeting will follow at 6:30.</p>	Next meeting will start at 6:00 to discuss the book, <i>Rebuilt</i>

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Barb Vite	Barb discussed how the culture needs to shift from “stewardship equals money” toward “stewardship equals mission”. Hand outs described the assessment process, reviewing of the recommendations made, and creating an action plan. Short and long term goals, evaluation strategies and action steps will be required. The plan must be written down!	
Review of Minutes	<p>The minutes from the March 16, 2015, meeting was reviewed. A revision was made in the New Business section: Mic asked that all fundraisers be communicated to the parish (Lisa), not to Mic.</p> <p>As a follow up to the meeting, a certificate of appreciation to Ed Pulvermacher was signed by the members. His time and talent has created the beautiful handrails and choir raisers.</p>	
Introduction of new member	Christy Rosenberger was introduced. She is a long-time member and has been involved in Christian Formation for 13 years. She will replace the vacant position created by Margo Vogelsang’s departure. Christy will be the Faith Formation and Youth liaison. Kris will move to the Stewardship committee.	
Strategic Plan Timeline	<p>The plan is now up on the website. Karen and Kris Schroeder will continue to add to it to keep the communication with the parishioners ongoing.</p> <p><u>Gathering Space</u>: On March 6th, a meeting was held to look at the gathering space with fresh eyes to make it more welcoming. Donna stated that the idea for creating a “wall” for coats might complete with the open concept. The shape of the welcoming desk is being determined/ there was a caution made about using moveable furniture due to the risk of breakdown.</p> <p><u>Long-term vision</u>: Chris Lundin has resigned from his .5 FTE position. A proposal is being made to replace the position with a full FTE to fill the youth and adult ministry needs.</p>	
Standing Committees	<p><u>Faith Formation and Youth</u> – Kris Schroeder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K4-11th Grade- Collecting donations for Raffle Baskets for the Parish Festival. Due by May 3rd. • 1st Communion -1st Communion is at every Mass this coming weekend (April 23rd & 24th) • May Crowning Sign-up (http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba4ac2ea7fc1-maycrowning) • Tradition at Queen of Apostles Parish to have the 1st Communicants be part of the May Crowning of the year they receive their first communion. 2016 May Crowning will be May 1st after the 10:30AM Mass. • Confirmation-Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 27 at 7p.m. • Sacrament of Confirmation is April 29th with Rehearsal on Wednesday, April 27th, at 7PM with a reception afterwards. • Middle School and High School- Last Night of Class Trivia was held this past Sunday, April 17th. • Chris Lundin has given his notice- last day is not known • Beth is working on job description for a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth is considering offering a 2nd class for the 1st through 5th grades on Sunday mornings for 2016-2017. This would provide 3 options with 2 options offered Sunday morning and 1 offered Monday night. <p><u>Finance</u> – Bob Rohde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is coming in under budget at \$190,000. • The parish has a deficit of \$61,000. • Recognition was given to the teachers, staff, and school families that are working through the transition of the school closing. Tuition assistance to the school families was discussed but is not yet determined. • Cindy requested that a summary of the balance sheet and cash flow be provided at the council meetings. Attendance would also be helpful. <p><u>Human Concerns</u> – Steve Szocs/ Donna Jensen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was postponed to Monday, April 25th, at 6:30. <p><u>Prayer and Worship</u> – Kathy Korn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting is being held April 24th. <p><u>School</u> –Cindy Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 12th, a State of the School meeting was held. Support is being shared for each other through the very sad ending of our beloved school. Recognition was made to Chris Jackson who has been professional and as upbeat as can be expected. The goal is to provide a memorable end of the school year – many activities are coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modern Woodman finals is April 18 ○ Grandparent’s day is Friday, April 22 ○ First communion school mass and reception will be held at St. Mary’s at 8:00 on April 26 ○ The 8th grade Washington DC trip will be from April 28 to May 1 ○ Graduation is on June 8th and the last day of school is June 10th. • Bingo will continue through April 30th in appreciation of the loyal players. It was felt that the parents don’t have the energy or the desire to continue with the closing of the school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tyler has provided an opportunity to collect rent for the Alberta Center through a drum and bugle corp. that is looking to continue bingo. Father declined this as being an option. • Time was allowed for the members to express the frustration over the method of which the school was closed. Many feel that after all of their work over the prior year to keep the school open, all values of trust, respect, and integrity were broken. Many just feel betrayed and beat down. <p><u>Stewardship</u>- Kris Schroeder and Mic Pietrykowski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the impending change of committee members, it was decided that the important discussion and action plans for the strategic plan be put on hold until the new members are in place. 	

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New Business	<p><u>Pastoral Council Nominees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned by Bob that it was never designated which of the 4 nominees (Cindy, Tyler, Mike, and Steve) would take on the remaining term for Mike Hausman. This position will be open this term. • Kris and Donna's position will be open. • Kris has elected to re-up for another term. • Bob, Kathy, and Christy's term are up in 2017. • It was suggested that as many parishioners be invited to be nominees as possible as many members are discerning their ongoing positions. 	
Trustee Comments	<p>Mike questioned the accuracy of the parish member of record. It was suggested that work be done to reach out to members and make an invitation to those who may have left. An accurate count is also important to determine the financial obligations of the parish to the archdiocese.</p>	
Festival	<p>Donna is fulfilling the obligation to assist with the festival. She has the burden of filling 300, 2 ½ hour shifts and has asked that all Pastoral Council members take at least 2 shifts. Requests to work will be included in the announcements and the bulletin.</p> <p>Baskets were very profitable last year. The committee put up a collection for a "wine around the world basket".</p>	
Closing Prayer	<p>The closing prayer was held.</p> <p>Next meeting – Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00pm</p> <p>Key Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2nd – Men's golf league begins (runs through August) • May, 2016 – Children's liturgy of the word returns (8:00 Sunday mass – lead by Tammy Groszczyk) • June 3-5th – QofA Parish Festival • September 17 – First Council Video Convocation with Archbishop Listecki • September 30 or October 1 – 8:30am to 12:30 Evangelization of the Sunday Mass Leadership Gathering- Cousins Center • February 18th, 2017 – Queen's Ball (first committee meeting was held on March 15) 	