

Joint Cluster Meeting- 5/27/25  
7:00 OLL Parish Center

**Called to order:** 7:05 PM by Jacob Birenbaum

**Members present:**

**OLL:** Natalie Brochtrup, Jacob Birenbaum, Leon Jacoby, Jenny Schwab, Lina Vorpahl, Bryan Bichler, Amy Schmit, Deb Hamm

**DS:** Bill Johannes, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, Hannah Shiningier, Barb Duenk, JoAnn Karpin, Tina Wick, Eric Poggeman, Deb Hamm

**Guests:** Rusty Zimmerman

**1. Opening prayer:** Natalie Brochtrup led us in the opening prayer.

**2. Education Home and School report- Lynn Sauer**

\*Lynn Sauer and Jennifer Thill submitted a GIFTS grant for reading support materials. They are hoping to hear in late May or early June if they are awarded the grant.

\*Mrs. Sauer submitted a Love One Another Grant for new Bibles for all the classrooms.

\*Mrs. Sauer and Mrs. Pierson submitted a Bruce Krier grant for a Health and Safety grant for Stop the Bleed kits, an AED, new flooring and new lunch tables. The grant for \$73,000 was awarded to DSCS.

\*The Fourth grade teaching position has been posted.

**3. Parish Director's Report:**

\*Deb Hamm extended thanks to Jay Brochtrup for making an Ambry for the Our Lady of the Lakes chapel.

\*The cluster will be hosting a Missionary Speaker on June 21/22, 2025.

Accommodations are needed for the night of June 21. Deb is unable to accommodate her due to other commitments, so is hoping a parishioner would be able to help.

\*The Audio Visual Company, Lisbon Creek, has begun running wires under the Random Lake Chapel. Once they begin installation, they are estimating the work to take approximately one week to complete. The company will then move to Divine Savior-Holy Cross and then St. Rose in Fredonia to complete the remainder of the work.

\*One person has reached out to inquire about the Outreach Coordinator position. Deb has sent her the information to apply for the position.

\*Priest placements have been released. There are no changes to placements in our area. The current model with Deb Hamm as the parish director remains in place for at least one more year.

\*Deb has advised the councils to watch the bulletins for summer office hours for parish offices. Due to many circumstances, hours may change for the summer.

\*The Mission Trip participants will be going to Louisville, KY in June for their trip.

### **3. Old Business:**

- a. **Outreach Coordinator position-** Deb discussed this during the Parish Director's report.
- b. **Spring Deanery Meeting-** Bryan Bichler shared that the next Deanery meeting will be held on April 7, 2025 at St. Roberts in Shorewood. Eight parishes were represented. One point that was discussed was that parishes that are associated with schools should be given priority when priest assignments are discussed. Bryan will attend the next meeting in the fall in Glendale.

### **4. New Business:**

\*Discernment took place in both parishes in May.

\*The July meeting will be held at 7:00 on July 28, 2025. At that time, councils will reorganize to incorporate new members and a social/potluck will follow. Mary Navis will organize a Sign-Up Genius.

### **5. Other New Business-**

\*Leon Jacoby shared information about the Corpus Christi celebration at St. Nicholas on Sunday, June 22 at 1:00 PM. There will be a procession, Benediction and Fellowship.

\*Fr. Guy Gurath is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination on May 30, 2025. The council members signed a card to send to him to thank him for his dedication.

\*The Divine Savior Parish Picnic will be held on June 14, 2025 with Mass at 4:30 in the Belgium village park with festivities to follow.

### **6. Closing Prayer-** the councils prayed the Hail Mary prayer

### **7. Adjournment:** motion by Mary Navis

Seconded by: Bryan Bichler

Adjournment time: 7:29 PM

### **Next meeting;**

July 28, 2025; 7:00 PM @Holy Cross Chapel

Respectfully submitted,  
Natalie Brochtrup  
OLL Pastoral Council Secretary