

JOINT CLUSTER - PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 27, 2023 7:00 PM

Site: Holy Cross Church

Bill called the joint leadership meeting to order at 7:01 pm at Divine Savior-Holy Cross. Opening Prayer was led by Bill.

Present: Deb Hamm

OLL: Council Members: Peter Bemis, Natalie Brochtrup, Bryan Bichler, Lina Vorpahl, Leon Jacoby, Jennifer Schwaub, Amy Schmit, Jacob Biernbaum, and Marilyn Sabec

DS: Council Members: Barb Duenk, Bill Johannes, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, Jennifer Thill, JoAnn Karpin, ~~Hannah Shinner~~, Joyce Buechler, Lori Paulus, Scott Ehaney, and Bob Lallensack.

Faith Formation update- Terri Riesselmann

- There will be a Faith Formation meeting on January 3rd
- Deb shared that we are looking to make changes to have a cluster committee. Looking for ideas and suggestions. One idea is to meet on a Wednesday night to include catechists as well as other parish members that would be interested in attending. This is a work in progress.

Divine Savior Catholic School Report – Bill J (Lynn was absent)

- A written report was shared with council members.
- Accreditation process is a lot of work and is a great focus for the staff.
- Lynn and Terri are not expected to attend Parish Council meetings but will always share a report.
- November fish fry went well.

Parish Director's Report- Deb Hamm

- Night in Bethlehem on Friday, Dec. 1. Begins at 4:00 pm
- Living Nativity begins at 6:00 pm
- Saturday morning reflection with Dr. Dan Sholz on Dec. 9
- Tuesday, Dec 12 prayer service led by Deb for anyone that has lost a loved one
- Divine Savior School's Christmas concert will be Dec. 7 (Dress rehearsal will be a 9:00 am on Dec 6 for anyone that cannot attend the concert).
- Immaculate Conception mass on Dec. 8
- If you need to talk to anyone at the DS parish/school office please call ahead to ensure the people you need are available.
- Advent handouts - info
- Looking ahead – the Lenten series Dr. David Stoser will be on Tuesday nights March 5th, 12, and 19th at OLL with mass at 6:00 soup at 6:30 and talk at 7:00 pm
 - OLL will do soup 5th and 19th
 - DS will do soup on March 12th
 - Easter Eucharistic Spirituality will be April 16 and 23rd at 7:00 pm

Old Business

1. Parish Directory- Spring 2024 update from Mary Navis:
 - a. Natalie Brochtrup, Jane Shinner, JoAnn Karpin have volunteered to help with this
2. Eucharistic Revival Committee update from Mary Navis:
 - a. Can watch on Formed
 - b. Prayer cards have been included in the Breaking Bread books
 - c. Flyer inserts have been provided and included
 - d. Weekly adoration will begin at OLL on Thursdays from 5-7 pm

- e. Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis– anyone can attend. July 17- 24th. We have a few parishioners signed up to attend. Mary Navis has information if interested.
- f. We are interested in hosting two "Encounter" nights (Thu 2/29 at OLL & Wed 4/24 at DS)- Tim Shiningar has volunteered to help with music
 - i. There will be another Encounter Night on Dec. 12 from 7-8:30 pm at Lumen Christi if anyone is interested in seeing what this would be like. Reconciliation is also a part of this. No need to sign up. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.
 - ii. Thursday, February 29 at OLL is confirmed
 - iii. A possible second date would be April 24 at Divine Savior
 - iv. Pete shared that everyone that has attended an Encounter Night has found it to be beneficial and enlightening.
- 3. Book discussion: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
 - a. Postponed last meeting to Winter-
 - i. Meetings have been taking place on Sunday nights.
 - b. Looking for people to read the book so they can be shared with more members of the church
 - c. There are videos that go with this.

New Business

- 1. Lenten Soup Series- Committee for Lent 2024- Thank you Mary and Natalie for all you did in 2023.
 - a. Looking for volunteers to ensure we have enough soup
 - b. Make sure to have labels for each type of soup. Not just by each soup but a board so people can see all of the options before they walk in to get their soup.
 - c. This has been a great Lenten addition to the Cluster

Eucharistic Revival update-

- Starting Sunday evening, Oct 22 - Dec 10 we will host a 7-part series on Jesus and the Eucharist, held at OLL parish center open to everyone. – **Looking for thoughts on how this is going and attendance.**
- Emmaus 90 from the Archdiocese starts January 1-Easter (Online registration is open for Emmaus 90) offering a unique path to build a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee designed Emmaus 90 in conjunction with the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival.
 - **Details:**
 - Starts Jan. 1 and lasts 90 days — until Easter Sunday.
 - Register by Dec. 10 to receive a hard-copy guidebook journal or print your own from a PDF if you register later.
 - Receive a daily prayer prompt, challenging practices to grow in holiness and a weekly 30-minute formation video to discuss with two to three fellow pilgrims in your family or beyond.
 - The cost is \$20 per pilgrim, but no one will be denied due to financial circumstances.
 - Register here: www.archmil.org/Emmaus-90

Next meeting: Scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm at OLL-St. Mary's

A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Natalie to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Voice vote: all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Duenk

Divine Savior Pastoral Council Secretary