

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

March 12, 2016 9- 11 AM

St. Charles Andre Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

**Attendance:** Fr. Jim, Fr. Yamid, Fr. Sergio, Sr. Paulina

**From St. Charles** – Marilyn Putz, Jackie Scholze, Judy Halverson, George Whitehead, Mike Church and Trustees – Barb Bakshis and Bob O'Neill

**From St. Joseph** –Mary Ann Johnson, Geri Henningfield, Dee Baumeister, Mark Ehlen, Judy Beix, Betty Lou Peterson, Jean Uhen and Trustees- Dan Haacker and John Gabald

**From St. Mary** –Barb Scherrer, Katherine Lavieri, Jim Sember, Les Mastilar, Randy Tritz, Pam Aldrich, Sue Guttschow and Trustees – Terri Newbury and Jim Schuster

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer. He welcomed everyone. He commented that Confirmation went very well. The preparations for Easter are in place. And he gave a few other tri-parish updates.

Each Parish Pastoral Council gave a short up-date on current activities. All 3 parishes have started the discernment process for new members.

Bob O'Neill gave an up-date about the Tri-Parish Mass in the Park (Celebrating Our Catholic Life) on July 10.

Terri Newbury introduced Randy Nohl from the Archdiocese as the meeting facilitator.

Randy Nohl discussed the "New Day"/"New Pentecost" theme in the Archdiocese. He reviewed the Synod process and the Archdiocesan directives that have resulted from the Synod. He also discussed the 2020 Plan for the Parishes and how the Burlington/Lyons cluster fits into that plan. In many ways we are well on our way with instituting our Tri-Parish Covenant in that we already have a functioning cluster with shared priests and joint leadership meetings like the one we are at today.

Randy reviewed the current situation in our cluster. Three separate Pastoral Councils and committees. Three separate Finance Councils, which is required since each parish is separated corporation. Each parish also has its own Mission Statement, which upon review are not essentially that dissimilar. The Archdiocese recommends that a cluster of parishes share the same mission statement.

After discussion, by unanimous consent, the Tri-Parish Cluster will adopt the mission statement of the Archdiocese with some local customization:

“St. Charles, St. Joseph, and Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) are united in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his saving death and resurrection by calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.”

A discussion followed on what are the next steps for the Tri-Parish Cluster. By unanimous consent, the three Pastoral Councils will form a common Pastoral Council immediately.

- Each parish will have 6 representatives.
- Each parish will suspend the current discernment process for new members and therefore each parish will have 6 remaining members to serve on the combined council.
- One Trustee from each parish will serve on the combined pastoral council and the other Trustee will serve on their parish Finance Council.
- One or 2 representatives from the Hispanic Community Council will also serve on the combined pastoral council
- The Pastor and Associate Pastor will serve on the combined pastoral council
- The Common Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish Hall.
- Meetings will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, location to be confirmed.
- Individual Pastoral Councils can meet immediately after the Common meeting if they have business to wrap up as all formal meetings of the individual councils are replaced by the Common Council meetings.

The Tri-Parish Leadership Team will continue to meet to set the agenda for the Common Pastoral Council.

Fr. Jim closed the meeting with prayer.