

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

April 19, 2016 6:30 – 8:00 PM

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

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

**Trustees** –Barb Bakshis, Bob O'Neill, Dan Haacker, John Gabaldo, Terri Newbury and Jim Schuster

**Pastoral Council Members** –Mary Ann Johnson, Geri Henningfield, Dee Baumeister, Mark Ehlen, Judy Beix, Jean Uhen, Elaine Vos, Kim Blink, Barb Scherrer, Katherine Lavieri, Jim Sember, Brian Daniel, Pam Aldrich, Les Mastalir, Bob Riggs, Marilyn Putz, Jacki Scholze, George Whitehead, Mike Church, Schawn Schoepke and Lori Hintz

Schawn Schoepke, as meeting facilitator, opened the meeting.

Barb Scherrer led the Parish Meeting Prayer

Mary Ann Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed a tablet around for email addresses and telephone numbers can be collected from all attendees. These will be compiled and shared with all members.

There were several corrections to the minutes: add Brian Daniel as an attendee, correct spelling of Gabaldo name, add an "a" in the sentence discussing the "three separate Finance Councils". Also in the Mission Statement the "his" in the second sentence should be capitalized. The minutes were accepted with those corrections.

The Mission Statement was reviewed and by consensus accepted the following statement:

"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."

**I. Tri Parish P/C**

a. Structure: Membership, PC Leadership and Committee Liaisons were discussed and Membership and PC Leadership decisions were determined by consensus. Committee Liaisons will be discussed more fully at the June Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

-Terms are expiring June 30 2016 for: Jacki Scholze and Schawn Schoepke (St. C), Jean Uhen, Judy Biex and Elaine Vos (St. J) and Barb Scherrer, Pam Aldrich and Sue Guttschow (St. M)

-At Large Membership for 2016-2017 will be 6 members from each parish (12).  
Plus 2 Priests, 2 Hispanic Community reps and 3 trustees (one from each parish) for total of 19.

-At Large Membership for 2017-2018 will be 3 members from each parish (9).  
Plus 2 Priests, 2 Hispanic Community reps and 3 trustees (one from each parish) for total of 16.

-There was discussion for the future on when to do discernment for new members and how to get staggered terms so that 1/3 of the council is discerned each year. This discussion is postponed into next year.

#### LEADERSHIP:

-Positions will include a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. -

-It is not required that each parish be represented in the Leadership positions, the best qualified person should fill the position.

-Members interested in a leadership role can declare their interest at the June meeting, discernment will occur that night.

#### COMMITTEE LIASONS:

The Pastoral Council Chairs from each parish are asked to contact each of their committees to get the contact name (chair) and discuss their progress towards joining together as a Tri Parish Committee. This information should be available before July 1.

The discussion on this will occur in June when the Liaisons will be picked for each committee:

Stewardship/Parish Life

Human Concerns

Evangelization and Formation

Worship and Liturgy

There was also discussion about the School Advisory committee, they report to Finance Committee, but should there be a liaison from PC as well. No decision was made.

#### MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

-Meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM (May 17 and June 21)

-Meeting locations will rotate between the 3 parishes.

-Barb Scherrer will contact each parish to book the rooms for the rotating schedule.

-Barb Bakshis will consolidate an agenda format using the agendas from the 3 parishes.

-Individual parish PC meetings will occur after the joint meeting if business needs to be taken care of.

## **II. Tri Parish Communication Plan**

-Fr. Jim will draft a letter for review at the May meeting explaining the joining of the Pastoral Councils.

-It will be sent by mail to all parishioners by June 1, it will also be in the bulletin and on the websites.

## **IV. Revising Parish Appendices**

Mary Ann Johnson, Katherine Lavieri and Marilyn Putz volunteered to work on this.

**V. Other Business**

-Bob O’Neill gave an up-date about the Tri-Parish Mass in the Park (Celebrating Our Catholic Life) on July 10. Meeting for the committee is April 27 at Andre Hall, St. Charles at 7 PM.

-Terri Newbury displayed the Tri Parish Pastoral Council Logo and header banner that has been created, this will be shared for use by all when completed.

**VI. Pastor’s Report**

-He thanked everyone at each parish for the Easter Season volunteers and attendance at the services.

-Barb Lebak, DRE at St. Charles is retiring, Father is working a replacement plan.

-Father shared these Archdiocese statistics:

Vocations

- 313 Priests in the Archdiocese
- 140 Retired Priests – 89 serve parishes
- 172 Priests serve 198 parishes with 600,000 members, average age of these priests is 67
- 597 masses are offered every week, 168 are done by retired priests
- 3 Priests are being ordained this May

Meeting was closed with a prayer by all.

St. Mary’s and St. Charles had short business meetings after the prayer.

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**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

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4. **Barb Bakshis** will consolidate an agenda format using the agendas from the 3 parishes.
5. **Mary Ann Johnson, Katherine Lavieri and Marilyn Putz** volunteered to work on revising the Appendices for the Tri Parish Pastoral Council.