

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

May 17, 2016 6:30 – 8:00 PM

St. Mary's Heim Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

**Attendance:** Fr. Jim, Fr. Yamid, Sr. Paulina, Sr. Emma, Laura Jaimes

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

**Pastoral Council Members** –Pam Aldrich, Dee Baumeister, Judy Beix, Kimberly Blink, Mike Church, Brian Daniel, Mark Ehlen, Mary Ann Johnson, Katherine Lavieri, Les Mastalir, Betty Lou Peterson, Marilyn Putz, Barbara Scherrer, Jacki Scholze, Randy Tritz, Elaine Vos, George Whitehead.

Fr. Jim opened the meeting. All joined in a prayer.

**Minutes** from the April 19 meeting were approved by consensus after Marilyn cited the corrections of 18 At Large Members for 2016 -2017 for a total of 25 members for the Pastoral Council.

**Fr. Jim discussed** whether the members present feel that this is the right time to combine the councils. Numerous members stated that yes, this is the right time. The importance of getting the letter communicating this action as so as possible to all the parish membership was stressed.

**The draft letter** to the parishioners regarding the combined council was reviewed. The final version will be mailed on May 25.

**Marilyn led the discussion** through the Norms Appendix that was worked on by several members. Marilyn will insert the suggestions and changes and email the new version by the next meeting.

**Membership was discussed.** These terms end June 30, 2016:

St. Charles Schawn Schoepke (there are 2 vacancies so only one person is leaving this year)

St. Joe's Elaine Vos, Jean Uhen, Judy Biex

St. Mary's Bob Riggs, Barbara Scherrer, Susan Guttschow

The Hispanic Community Representatives for 2016-2017 will be Sr. Paulina and Laura Jaimes until a new committee representative is elected in July.

**Hispanic Report was distributed.** There was some discussion about including it in the bulletins of each parish as St. Charles does.

**St. Charles School Committee** report was given by liaison Mike Church. There were 162 students this year and they are planning for 166 next year. St. Charles, St. Mary's and St. Thomas schools are working on some projects together.

**Barbara Scherrer, reporting from the APC Meeting,** asked if any parish office has received the Human trafficking education kits from the Archdiocese, someone will check at each office and get back to her.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Finance Councils are working towards finishing their 2016-2017 budgets
- First Communion went very well
- Graduations soon at the 2 grade schools and Catholic Central

**Bob O'Neill reported on the July 10 Mass.** Meeting scheduled for May 16, everything is coming together well.

**Next meeting is June 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at St. Charles Andre Hall.**

**Meeting closed with a prayer.**

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**Reminders for this meeting:**

**Pastoral Council leadership** will be determined at the June meeting.

- 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.

**Parish committees:**

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 at the previous meeting.