

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

October 18, 2016 6:30 – 8:00 PM

St. Charles Andre Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

Attendance: Fr. Jim, Fr. Yamid, Magali Barajas Absent: Sr. Emma

Trustees: Terri Newbury, Barb Bakshis Absent: John Gabaldo, Bob O’Neill, Jim Schuster and Dan Haacker

Pastoral Council Members; Pam Aldrich, Dee Baumeister, Kimberly Blink, Mike Church, Brian Daniel, Mark Ehlen, Geri Henningfield, Lori Hintz, Mary Ann Johnson, Katherine Lavieri, Les Mastalir, Marilyn Putz, Jacki Scholze and Jim Sember.

Excused or Absent: Betty Lou Peterson, Randy Tritz and George Whitehead.

Guests: Mike Lloyd

Mary Ann Johnson opened the meeting and prayer was offered by Terri Newbury.

Fr. Jim introduced Mike Lloyd who was present to give a presentation on School Choice for St. Charles and St. Mary’s Grade Schools. Mr. Lloyd is assisting Catholic Central with their participation in the School Choice Program. He is also working with both of our grade school principals to inform them of the process of participation. The program allows students who live in a household at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level to attend our schools, tuition free, because the State of Wisconsin gives the student aid that would normally go to the public school, to our school since we are educating that child. The income level mentioned above is the same measure that is used for free and reduced hot lunch eligibility so we know many “middle income” families would qualify. There is a limit of how many students in a school district can participate and our schools would determine how many students it would allow to attend from the choice program. There are extensive rules and regulations but ultimately the program could increase attendance in our schools and allow eligible families who cannot afford the tuition to attend. PC members voiced positive views regarding participation in School Choice. If the School Advisory Committees decide to go forward with the program they will bring a recommendation for participation to the Pastoral Council. The Pastor makes the final decision on participation.

September Minutes with 3 grammar/spelling corrections from the sent copy were approved by consensus.

Fr. Jim’s Comments:

-Father attended the Fall Clergy Day. The Synod priorities were narrowed to six: 1. Establish clear visions and models for parishes. 2 Establish ways to reach younger Catholics. 3. Engage those who are Catholic in name only. 4. Leadership and Formation Training for parishioners. 5. Renew the sense of

calling to service which is the universal mission of the church. 6. Finds ways to deal with the insufficient number of priests. At the March, 2017 meeting they will begin developing the plan for these priorities.

–Father encouraged all to support the young people of our parish with their Cold Hand/Warm Hearts fundraiser.

–Deacon candidate, Anton Nicoli has attained Acolyte status.

–Father asks that PC members try to attend as many of the 3 Annual Meetings as they can.

St. Mary's Nov. 6 at 9:15 AM

St. Charles Nov 13 at 9:15 AM

St. Joseph's Nov 20 following the 9:30 mass

Standing Committee Reports:

(What stage of organization is each committee at? Are any ready to occasionally meet as a Tri-Parish, or ready to merge?)

Worship/Liturgy

St. C (Whitehead) –No report

St. J (Ehlen) -Next meeting Nov. 8, worked with St. Charles on the Mass of Remembrance but not ready yet to meet as a tri-parish committee.

St. M (Mastalir) - Masses of Remembrance will be held Oct. 29 at St. Mary's and Evening of Reflection at St. Charles in November.

Human Concerns

St. C (Scholze) –Talked with all 3 committees, they want to work together but do not want to stop current parish initiatives. May meet together a couple times a year and begin coordinating whenever they can.

St. J (Baumeister) – Scholze report covered all.

St. M (Tritz) - No report

Evangelization and Formation

St. C (No active committee) –No leader at this time, some people are willing to participate.

St. J (Peterson) –Discussed having a Healing Mass. Looking at new Adult Ed. Program, will try to work with other parishes on it.

St. M (Aldrich)-St. Mary's is hosting a Catechist Workshop Nov. 10, 7-9 PM in the cafeteria, all are welcome to attend. Stopped pre-school program. Want to work with other 2 parishes.

Stewardship/Parish Life

St. C (No active committee) –Finance Council may start the Archdiocese Stewardship Program.

St. J (Blink) – Met with all 3 parishes, they want to work together. They want to use the name Parish Life. Fr. stated that the Stewardship is on our official norms at the Archdiocese but we can use Parish Life locally. De. 10 Holiday Party planning continues. Fruit Sale at St. Mary's.

They discussed the Time/Talent/Treasure Program, will look at St. Mary's model. May need to keep the stewardship (financial) part separate for each parish.

St. M (Lavieri)-Blink report covered all.

School Advisory

St. C (Church) –Next meeting Oct. 27.
St. M (Daniel)- Need to look at Personnel Guidelines for an issue that has arisen. He will discuss further with Fr. Jim.

Finance

St. C (Hintz) –Very impressed by the effective and thorough work of the committee.
St. J (Henningfield) –Meeting in Oct., they meet every other month.
St. M (Lavieri)- Committee deals very systematically with the budget.

Hispanic Ministry Report:

Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

- Still missing a few Code of Ethics forms.
- Members discussed their attendance at the recent Archdiocese program. Father asked that they present a report at the next meeting. Terry Newbury distributed a One% Challenge card to all. PC members agreed to take this 30 day challenge “To get to know Jesus”.
- Section for Tri-Parish news in each bulletin – Marilyn has not meet with the bulletin editors yet.
- All other action items closed from last month.

New Business:

-Deanery Meeting: October 25 St. Francis DeSales Parish, Lake Geneva 6:30 Parish Hall
Reps Marilyn Putz and Jim Sember to attend

Focus for November Meeting: - School Choice Recommendation
 -One% Challenge
 -20 minute presentation from Barb, Katherine and Terri from sessions they attended at the Archdiocese Leadership Meeting

Action Items for next meeting:

1. Barb, Katherine and Terri will present on topics from the Leadership Meeting
2. Marilyn Putz will work with the Parish bulletin editors to get a section established for meetings.
3. Jackie Scholze volunteered to prepare the Opening Prayer for the September 20 meeting.
4. Barb Bakshis volunteered to prepare the Closing Prayer for the next meeting.

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Next Meeting: January 17, St. Mary’s Heim Hall 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Closing Prayer from Randy Tritz read by Jacki Scholze

Meeting Adjourned by Mary Ann Johnson