

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

August 15, 2017 6:30 – 8:00 PM

St. Mary Heim Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

Attendance: Fr. Jim, Fr. Carlos and Sr. Emma Excused or Absent: Magali Barajas

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

Pastoral Council Members; Pam Aldrich, Brian Daniel, Mark Ehlen, Mary Ann Johnson, Marilyn Putz, Randy Tritz and George Whitehead.

Excused or Absent: Geri Henningfield, Jacki Scholze

Brian Daniel opened the meeting and opening prayer was offered by Pam Aldrich.

June Minutes: Approved by consensus.

Fr. Jim’s Comments:

- Fr. Jim welcomed everyone back and welcomed Fr. Carlos to his first PC meeting.
- Fr. Jim related that the parishes’ responses to the recent Burlington flooding was great. St. Charles had no damage, St. Joe’s had some issues that will be covered by insurance and St. Mary’s had some minor issues. He also offered his thank you to everyone who helped with the meal program at St. Charles.
- A seminarian, Steven Weller, will begin to spend time at our parishes in September.
- Sacred Heart Seminary asked to place a deacon at our parishes again to preach on weekends.
- Anton will be ordained as a Deacon in September, 2018.
- Outdoor mass went very well, thank you to all who helped and attended.
- Archdiocese took a collection for Burlington flood relief.
- Tri-Parish Music Festival was a great up-lifting and relaxing event.

Chairperson Comments: Brian Daniel

The objective this year should be to bring everyone together. We are one community striving to follow in the footsteps of our Lord’s teachings. Pastoral Council members should attend parish events and masses at all 3 parishes and greet our members. Name tags are being ordered that can be worn so parish members will know who we are.

Standing Committee Reports: Liaison assignments were discerned

Except for School Advisory and Finance, the assigned liaison will cover meetings for all 3 parishes.

(Reminder to Liaisons to inform their committee secretaries to send the approved meeting minutes to each parish so they can post them on their websites.)

Liaisons need to report only significant information that needs feedback for the Council.

Worship/Liturgy liaison is Fr. Carlos

Human Concerns liaison is Jacki Scholze

Evangelization and Formation liaison is Pam Aldrich
Stewardship/Parish Life liaison is Mark Ehlen

School Advisory

St. Charles liaison is Mary Ann Johnson
St. Mary liaison is Brian Daniel

Finance

St. Charles liaison is Marilyn Putz.
St. Joseph liaison is Geri Henningfield
St. Mary liaison is Randy Tritz

George Whitehead is a floating liaison, he can be contacted to cover a meeting that a liaison cannot make.

Catholic Community Events:

Fall festivals: St. Mary, Sept. 8, 9 and 10 St. Charles, Sept 23 and 24

Hispanic events: Aug. 20 at 12:00 mass over 30 couples will renew wedding vows

Dec. 9 at 10:00, four couples will be married

Dec. 11 at 8:00 pm, our Lady of Guadalupe mass and celebration

St. Joe's will convene a group to plan the Holiday Social, may rotate the location this year.

Old Business:

-School Steering Committee Report: Bob O'Neill gave a presentation on the progress and showed samples from the website that will be accessible to everyone to get up-dates on future progress.

-Spirituality of Stewardship Conference for Leaders, Nov. 3 or 4, encourage members to attend.

New Business:

-Pastoral Council will be commissioned at a mass at each parish. All PC members, trustees and Hispanic representatives are encouraged to attend each commissioning. Pews will be reserved in the front of church that day. Schedule: Sept. 24 10:30 mass at St. Mary Oct. 1 10:00 mass at St. Charles Oct. 8 9:30 mass at St. Joseph.

-The joint meeting with committee members will be held at the Oct. 17 PC meeting at St. Joe's. The PC officers will meet with Fr. Jim to plan the agenda.

-In light of the recent flood it is imperative that our Tri-parish has a disaster plan that should be coordinated with the city and the Mayor's office. A consensus motion was made to ask the Tri-parish Human Concerns Committees to take on the task of development of the plan, the liaison, Jacki Scholze will take it to the committees.

-Starting in 2018 any continuing PC members will be on tiered terms (1, 2, and 3 years). Current members who are interested in continuing on the council should be prepared to announce their intention and term choice at the September meeting so we can begin to prepare for recruitment of new members. Representation will continue to be equal representation, that is, 3 from each parish.

-A meeting regarding the new assessments for parishes from the Archdiocese is September 20 at Pleasant Prairie if anyone is interested in attending.

- **Action Items for next meeting:**

- Fr. Jim and the officers will meet to discuss the agenda for the Oct. joint PC/Committees Meeting

Next Meeting September 19 at St. Charles Andre Hall 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Volunteer for Opening Prayer: George Whitehead

Volunteer for Closing Prayer: Mary Ann Johnson

Closing Prayer by Pam Aldrich

Meeting Adjourned by Brian Daniel