

Circle of Saints Cluster Council

The Circle of Saints Cluster Council meeting was held at 6pm on March 7, 2017 in the St. Patrick Church library. Council members present were Brad Fischer from St. Patrick (SP), Darin Riherd from St. Michael (SM) & Joe Dvorak & Bob Kriener from St. Joseph (SJ). Staff members present were Stephanie Babinat-Business Manager & Father Mike Mescher. Regret was Carol Wonrau from St. Michael & Ramiro Guzman from St. Patrick.

Father opened the meeting at 6 and led us in prayer. Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

Decision Items:

- 17/18 budget: Steph handed out the proposed 2017/2018 budget. The Cluster Finance went over the budget line by line and approved it. The Cluster subsidy will go up approx. 1.2% next year. After some discussion and reviewing some of the line items the Cluster council approved the budget as presented.

Discussion items:

- The Holy Week schedule is as follows: Thursday, 4/13 6:30pm St. Joseph-Chelsea, Friday, 4/14 3pm St. Michael-Belle Plaine & 6:30pm St. Patrick-Tama, Saturday, 4/15 8pm St. Patrick-Tama & Easter Sunday, 4/16 8:30am St. Joseph-Chelsea & St. Michael-Belle Plaine (Father Braak will be in Belle Plaine) and 10:30am St. Patrick-Tama.
- At the last meeting it was mentioned that some people would like to change the time of the SJ Mass in the winter as it is dark when they go to church. It was suggested to move it to 5pm. This will need to be discussed at the next St. Joseph council meeting. There was discussion about this but there are differing opinions on it.

Committee reports:

- Faith Formation: 3 classes left! 1st Communion will be the weekend of April 2nd. St. Patrick will only have one 1st Communion Mass this year for all St. Patrick students. It will be at 3pm on Saturday, 4/1.
- Finance: Steph handed out the current financials for the council to review. All 3 parishes are doing really well right now, giving is up from last year.
- Hispanic Ministry: Father is thinking about switching the Hispanic Mass time to 12:15 or 12:30 on Sunday's in the summer as attendance goes down.
- Pastor's Report: No report

Parish reports: SJ-SJ Day celebration/auction and 150th celebration is on 3/18.

SM-Wayne planning another bus trip. There are some building issues we need to discuss at the next meeting.

SP-St. Patrick Day celebration will be on 3/17. Looking at installing a security/entry system.

Other new business: The Cluster Lenten project is to raise money for a bin to be built in Haiti. Go Serve Global is the organization we are going thru.

A couple of people have mentioned they would like to have a set time for confession. Father said he is at Mass 30 to 45 minutes early so people just need to tell him they want a confession. He said he will not sit in the room and wait for people to come.

Items for next meeting:

Next regular meeting: Steph & Father will set something up and email everyone

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Babinat, Business Manager