

West Allis Tri-Parish Council Meeting
November 7, 2016 at MQH

In Attendance:

Ken Brath,	Jackie Daveley,	Dan LaFond,	Kass Lampone,
Mike Reger,	Kathy Marx,	Darryl Draeger,	Mary Lou Hopkins,
David Reiner,	Ted Sternemann,	Clara Weinberger,	Nancy Wilde,
Gary Jensen,	Sue Harrits,	John Czepulis,	Grace Elliott,
John Gomez,	Mary Maberry	Fr. Jeff,	Paul Johnson,
Doug Barnes,	Devan Gracyalny		

Absent: Fr. Thomas, Tom Healy, Brad Bloch,

Call to order: 7 pm

Agenda: A report of the fall deanery meeting was added to the agenda. Motion to approve by Mary Lou Hopkins, seconded by Sue Harrits

Strategic Planning Discussion:

The new name for our cluster is the "Catholic Parishes of West Allis West". We will get a study of our area from Mission Insight.

Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas met recently with Fr. Kitzke and Mr. Kemmeter and were advised that the changes to our cluster that have been proposed are too fast. In particular, we need to adequately discuss how the school fits into our strategic planning. Also, if a merger occurs, it will take at least 12 months to complete. Fr. Jeff stated that we don't want to sacrifice any more staff positions, and that we need to fill both a prayer and worship position and a youth ministry position.

There was some discussion about the archdiocese's support for parishes to move from maintenance to mission. We also discussed that our cluster should concentrate on using all three sites. Some additional ideas that were mentioned are whether it is possible to put a church building under the school's management, MQSCA may want to open an east side site in the future, and that endowed money could be used to subsidize the school. If it were used for school funding, the endowment would be drained in approximately 5 years.

We discussed the environment of schooling in and around West Allis. We also observed that in some important ways our cluster is fundamentally different from other clusters in Milwaukee.

A draft Strategic Plan was reviewed. Some revisions are planned, including the community building, evangelization, and stewardship sections.

Our mission statement was reviewed. A motion was made by Clara W. and seconded by Devon G. to remove the phrase "cluster of". The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The discussion of strategic planning continued. One statement was that if the ministry goals will lead to stability or growth, then there is no need to reduce the number of sites. There is also continuing concern about the financial positions of the cluster parishes. Mr. Kemmeter from the Archdiocese planning office would like to visit with our Pastoral Council again. The Pastoral Council has several questions to discuss and opinions to share in a meeting with the planning office.

The discussion of school funding continued. Seton appears unwilling to absorb any costs of operating the school. The tri-parish is currently supporting the school with about \$280k of funding.

We need to prepare a job description for the tri-parish prayer and worship position. A volunteer is needed from each parish.

Report of Fall Deanery Meeting:

Mary M. discussed the fall deanery meeting. If anyone is not receiving messages from the archdiocese, please let Mary M. know. We have been asked to view the convocation video on our own time. The closing Mass for the year of Mercy is November 20th at the Cathedral. Much of the deanery meeting was a synod implementation update. The deanery discussed "mission vs. maintenance".

New Business:

There was no new business.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th. Ted S. will lead the prayers.

Minutes submitted by Mike Reger, Co-Secretary