

The Archangels Catholic Pastoral Council met on November 15, 2018 at St. James in Forest City. Chair Francis Pistek called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Council was led in prayer by Father James Dubert.

The following were present:

St. Boniface - Garner: Dan Muff and Judy Wilhelm
St. James - Forest City: Mary Jo Friederich and Bob Kuefler
St. Patrick - Britt: Doug Doughan and Peter Bixel
St. Patrick - Buffalo Center: Bob Joynt
St. Patrick - Lake Mills: Kathleen Grunhovd and Marty Pins
St. Wenceslaus - Duncan: Francis Pistek

Resignations of Lake Mills Pastoral Council members, Su Evans and Kristie Smith, were announced. Father Dubert approved Kathleen Grunhovd to replace Su Evans and Marty Pins to replace Kristie Smith. Doug Doughan made a motion to approve the seatings of Kathleen and Marty. Bob Kuefler 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The minutes from the September meeting were sent out to Council members prior to the meeting. Dan Muff made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Judy Wilhelm 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Cluster Finances:

The Council received a copy of the current Cluster budget and expenses through October. Father Dubert reported that in general the Cluster finances are in good shape. Father reminded the Council that the months of December and January typically bring in the most income. Even though the individual parishes are currently behind, all are expected to make up those deficits in the coming months. Judy Wilhelm moved to approve the financial report, Dan Muff 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Father Dubert reported on the Cluster Stewardship dinner. The speaker and food received favorable comments. Father Dubert reported that 160 people were served at the dinner and that the Cluster was charged for the estimated 250 people. The extra food was taken to a shelter in Mason City. Total cost of the event was estimated at \$7,000. Father Dubert suggested that the Stewardship event not be held every other year if at all in the future due to the cost. The Cluster budget cannot support such an expense. A suggestion of a potluck instead of catering the event in the future was discussed as a possibility.

Father Dubert reported that the St. James sanctuary will be installing new flooring and will be unable to offer Mass at least one weekend in January. Discussion was held on possibly adding another Mass at one of the other Cluster sites that weekend. It was decided that another Mass would not be added and that the members of the St. James will be able to attend one of the other Cluster Masses offered that weekend.

Cluster Activities:

St. Patrick - Buffalo Center: No report.

St. Boniface - Garner:

- Dan reported that the kitchen project is currently on hold.
- A Christmas Junior Choir has been started.
- A meeting will be held Nov. 29th to discuss how to improve St. Boniface's current and future budget concerns.
- Judy reported that a meeting was held Sept. 23rd to discuss opportunities to enhance and grow the Family Life programs. An estimated 20 people attended and there was good feedback to three open-ended statements. The statements were used to help direct the Family Life committee's focus. The statements were as follows -
 - 1. These are the following things and programs that St. Boniface is doing well to help me and/or my family grow spiritually:
 - 2. I would like for St. Boniface Family Life committee to consider doing the following NEW programs and/or items. These are things that I hear other churches doing and they are of interest to me:
 - 3. In my opinion, these are things/programs that St. Boniface is CURRENTLY providing/doing but I believe that there is room for improvement and or they should be eliminated:
- Judy contacted City Hall regarding security in our Cluster parishes. She visited with a local police officer about different precautions that could be implemented in case of security emergency in one of our parishes. Many scenarios were discussed and the police officer felt the best preventive action should an emergency occur would be to have someone designated to call 911. He also suggested having the address of the Church posted to possibly speed up the emergency response. Judy will contact other law enforcement agencies to get other suggestions of possible safety precautions.

St. Patrick - Lake Mills:

- Work has been done to the basement.
- A new water system has been installed.
- A donation of \$1,000 has been made to Pro Life.

St. Patrick - Britt:

- Over 10 boxes were filled for Catholic Outreach.
- KC's held a breakfast - proceeds went to gas cards for our Deacons to be used for travel expenses.

St. James - Forest City:

- Dec. 2nd there will be a potluck and cookie exchange following Mass. White Elephant Bingo will be played - all are welcome.
- Dec. 16th will be the annual caroling starting at 4:15pm with pizza and pop to follow - everyone welcome.
- Jan. 14th at 6:30pm, the Women's Leadership group will have a speaker who will be discussing human trafficking.
- Bob Kuefler handed out a detailed report of the Stewardship dinner.
- Bob has put together an Archangels Cluster Organization form that will serve as a directory of Cluster committees. Council members will continue to provide names and contact information for the purpose of having an updated directory of those

serving on the different Cluster committees.

St. Wenceslaus - Duncan:

- The Parish Life committee met in Oct. and Nov.. The committee discussed church repairs, future socials and getting more universal involvement in parish life. Also an interest was shown in bringing back listing of flower donations and in having a parish contact list.
- Pies and kolaches were sold at the Duncan Fest Celebration and the proceeds were donated to the Britt and Garner food banks and fire departments. As part of the Duncan Fest, a Polka Mass was held.
- Planning for the Parish Life and FCSLA Christmas party has been taking place. This event has bands and food. Santa will make an appearance. The free will donations for this event are donated to a worthy cause. In the past, donations were made to food banks or a family in need.
- The Building and Grounds committee met with the Finance committee to formulate plans for tuckpointing, roof and water damage repairs, and new steps for the Northwest entrance.

Old Business:

At the last Council meeting, an amendment was made to Article I Membership in the bylaws to allow an alternate voting member to fill in for a Council member who is absent. Father Dubert approved the following alternates:

St. Patrick - Buffalo Center: Joe Angstman

St. James - Forest City: Chad Reece

St. Patrick - Britt: Duane Doughan

New Business:

Discussion was held on a consistent response to comments or concerns regarding a homily. Father Dubert noted that he is willing to listen to any comments and/or concerns and that his first preference is for anyone who has a question or concern to contact him directly. If that is not an option, a Pastoral Council member should be contacted and will relay the message.

There was some discussion of possibly moving the Cluster offices to Britt in the future. This would not take place for a couple of years as some factors such as Fr. Lippstock's retirement and his possible replacement would need to be taken into consideration.

At 8:05pm Dan Muff made a motion to adjourn, Bob Joynt 2nd, all in favor, meeting adjourned. Father Dubert closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 21, 2019 at 6:30 at St. James in Forest City.

Mary Jo Friederich
Secretary