

The Archangels Catholic Cluster Pastoral Council met February 20, 2020 at St James. Chair Francis Pistek called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Fr Dubert opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Attendees:**

Fr Jim Dubert

St Patrick – Britt: Peter Bixel & Duane Doughan

St Patrick – Buffalo Center: Cathy Hughes

St Wenceslaus – Duncan: Francis Pistek & Ellen Tusha

St James – Forest City: Bob Kuefler & Chad Reece

St Boniface – Garner: Judy Wilhelm

St Patrick – Lake Mills: Kathleen Grunhovd & Marty Pins

January meeting minutes: Two corrections: Kathleen Grunhovd was not present and Cathy Hughes was. With these corrections, motion by Judy, second by Peter to approve. Carried.

Fr Jim presented the Cluster finance reports. Expenses are slightly above budget for seven months. The Cluster budget is OK but some parishes are behind in contributions and are using savings for expenses. Refer to the table in the Cluster weekly bulletin for details. With the resignation of the Faith Formation Director, Fr Jim may be able to reduce parish support in May and June. Fr Jim spent some time answering questions and explaining some details of the reports. There was discussion about giving by parishioners (or not) and the issue of understanding the relationship of the individual parish budgets and the cluster budget. The Faith Formation Director will not be replaced this fiscal year but Fr is recruiting for someone to start July 1.

There was some discussion that the changes Faith Formation Director Joshua made were not well communicated and caught parents off guard. The twice monthly meetings on Sunday for high school students instead of weekly on Wednesday is an example.

Fr Jim starts a new 10 week bible study titled “Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life” the first week of March. There is an excellent video titled “The Veil Removed” that explains the Mass.

**Cluster activities:**

**Buffalo Center:** Cathy reported that they will have an Ashes and Word Service on Ash Wednesday with a meal afterward.

**Lake Mills:**

- Kathleen reported that new altar servers are being trained.
- Two students are in the Confirmation class.
- The Knights of Columbus led a Rosary before Mass on Wednesday, January 8, in honor of Brother Knight Paul Sorenson. The Sorenson family prepared and served a soup supper afterward.
- There will be a soup supper after Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass.

**Old Business:**

Bylaws Articles IV & V: Moved by Judy, second by Peter to remove from the table. Carried. Bob offered an amendment to remove the extraneous word ‘present’ from Section A-1. With this change, moved by Bob, second by Ellen to approve these Articles. Carried.

Parish Liaison get together on March 15 at Shooterz. The Liaisons have been asked to make a list of their duties. The plan is to generate a common list and sort of a job description. Council members wish to attend are to contact Ellen for a headcount.

**New Business:**

Bylaws Articles VI and VII:

- After minimal discussion, strike Sections B, D, and E as consensus decision-making is no longer a procedure in the Archdiocese.
- Section C: delete the words 'either reaching consensus' and renumber as Section B.
- Article VII, Section B: change 'administer' to 'administrator'
- Section C-3: Change 'episcopal vicar of the region' to 'Archbishop of the Archdiocese'

With these changes, moved by Judy, second by Ellen, to approve. Carried. Moved by Kathleen, second by Chad, to table. Carried.

Email process: Francis still trying to figure out a simple process. After discussion, the decision was made to remove phone numbers from the Cluster Organization Table on the website. Bob will update and forward to Cheryl and Brenda.

Pastoral Council and Faith Formation Council elections: Francis will revise the draft ballot to reflect certain members who have asked to remove their name as eligible. The revised ballots are to be sent to the parishes to be handed out to the congregation on the last two weekends of March (21/22 & 28/29).

Parish Life Funding/Projects Account: Francis noted that Parish Life leaders feel that any funds they raise go into the general fund and they lose ownership, particularly if raised for a specific purpose or to accumulate for a future purpose. He asked if there could be some means to provide visibility to this information; maybe an account named Parish Life Projects for each parish requesting such. Fr Jim said Dubuque has very specific rules about accounting for money and suggested representatives of the Pastoral Council meet with Cheryl to determine what might be done. Francis, Chad, and Bob agreed to do so.

2020/21 budget: Fr Jim will have a draft for the March meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Judy, second by Ellen at 8:30 pm. Carried.

Fr Jim concluded the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

Recorded by Bob for Justin.