

The Archangels Catholic Pastoral Council met September 20, 2018 at St. James in Forest City. Chair Francis Pistek called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Father Jim Dubert opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present:

St. Patrick - Britt: Peter Bixel & Doug Doughan

St. Patrick - Buffalo Center: Bob Joynt

St. Wenceslaus - Duncan: Francis Pistek & Ellen Tusha

St. James - Forest City: Mary Jo Friederich & Bob Kuefler

St. Boniface - Garner: Dan Muff & Judy Wilhelm

St. Patrick - Lake Mills: Su Evans

Judy moved, second by Ellen, to approve the August minutes as written. Carried.

Pastor's Report & Cluster Finances: Fr. Dubert handed out copies of the 2018-2019 Cluster budget as well as income and expenses for the months of July and August. Fr. Dubert reported that the data from the first two months looks good. The numbers are down but is typical of the summer months. Overall, the Cluster parishes are in better shape than this time last year. Judy moved, second by Dan to approve the financial report. Carried.

Fr. Dubert encouraged all Pastoral Council and parish members to support the stewardship dinner & speaker to be held November 4 at Duncan Hall. The speaker is one of the top Catholic bioethics and medical ethics experts in the U.S. The meal is for Cluster families only but the speaker is open to anyone. Appetizers will be served at 3:30 pm with prayer and awards to follow at 4:15 pm. Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm. The speaker will begin at 5:30 pm.

Fr. Dubert noted that the week Oct. 15-18, a new Adult Bible Study will begin. This year's study will be on the Book of Psalms. Again this year, there will be 3 sessions available each week: one in Duncan at 6:30 pm on Mondays, one in Forest City at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and one at 1:00 pm in Garner on Thursdays. Fr. Dubert is encouraging all to come and learn more about the book most quoted in the Bible by Jesus and the Church liturgy.

Cluster Activities:

Garner: Dan reported that St. Boniface had a work day Sept. 1. Landscaping, brush, shrub and weed removal were all part of the outside work. Another classroom in the school was added by the installation of a new wall and removal of a door. Tuck point repair is being looked into in order to fix mortar on the Church. Eavestrough evaluation and repair on the school was addressed before reseeding the lawn on the south side of the school. The CDA Fall Tea will be held Oct. 20. The Knights had their Tootsie Roll drive in Sept. Several meetings are being held in respect to the kitchen renovation. Judy

reported on a new group that has formed called the St. Boniface Family Life Committee. There will be an open discussion held following the Mass on Sunday, Sept. 23. Parents of Faith Formation students were called and encouraged to attend the meeting. The goal of this committee is to grow and enhance the Family Life programs in the parish. There will be childcare provided which will include a movie, popcorn and a beverage.

Lake Mills: Su noted they had the celebration for their 50th anniversary of their church building on Sept. 16. There was a nice turn out for the event which was held at Rice Lake.

Britt: Doug reported that Sunday, Sept. 23 will be the Faith Formation breakfast. Meetings are being held bimonthly to discuss or answer any questions that come up within the parish and to keep the communication open. The response to the meetings has been positive. Peter reported that all Faith Formation positions have been filled. Sunday School starts Sunday, Sept. 23.

Forest City: Mary Jo reported that 54 Welcome Bags were prepared for the Waldorf students. There will be a St. James family potluck along with games and prizes following Mass Sunday, Sept. 23. The fall dinner is set for Sat. Oct. 20. St. James will hold a Living Rosary on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 pm. The Women's Leadership group had a Chipped Inscriptions party on Sept. 10th. They will hold a pot luck and cookie exchange following the Mass on Dec. 2. Bob reported that the tiles have been selected for flooring in the church. The new flooring may be installed as early as the first two weeks in January.

Duncan: Francis gave an account of the Polka Mass and stated that it was well attended. Ellen reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met. The choir loft is in dire need of repair. The bell tower needs to be tuck pointed. A second bid for repairs has been received. The weather has not cooperated with moving forward on the roofing. Hopefully it will be scheduled within the upcoming week.

Buffalo Center: Bob announced that the church has been power washed and they are in the process of getting ready to paint. Faith Formation students served a Parish Life meal on Saturday, Sept. 15. The proceeds from the free will offering at the dinner were donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center to be used toward an infant car seat.

Old Business:

An amendment to Article I Membership in the bylaws was tabled at the last meeting. The amendment would allow an alternate member from each respective parish to attend the Pastoral Council meeting with or in place of a member. Having an alternate available to vote in place of a missing member would allow a quorum to be present. Some discussion was held as to the proper wording of the amendment.

Ellen moved to remove the table, second by Judy. Carried.

An amendment was made to add c. under Article I. Membership, Section A, Number 2 to the existing bylaws. The amendment is as follows:

c. Each parish is allowed one alternate to vote at a meeting in the event the primary member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

An amendment was made to add section G to the Article I. Membership in the existing bylaws. The amendment is as follows:

For the purpose of meeting quorum at Pastoral Council meetings, an alternate voting member from any of the cluster parishes may fill in. The alternate designation is determined from the last voting election. The person with the 2nd place vote count for the Pastoral Council election is automatically nominated but if the alternate turns it down, another nominated person will be approved by the Pastor. All nominations must be approved by the Pastor and be seated by the Pastoral Council.
Doug made a motion to amend the amendment, Bob Joynt second, carried.

The present bylaws will be reviewed article by article in the coming months.

New Business:

No new business.

The next meeting will be October 18 at 6:30 in Forest City.

Su made a motion and Bob Kuefler second to adjourn at 7:52. Carried. Fr. Dubert closed the meeting in prayer.

Mary Jo Friederich
Secretary