

## Divine Mercy AFC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2019

Church of Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth; St. Paul, Comfrey; St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, St. Michael, Morgan

The meeting of the Divine Mercy Area Faith Community was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, church social room.

Members Present: Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Andrea Boyle, Jim Hillesheim, Myron Mathiowetz, Colleen Wildt, Fr. Andy Michels, Greg Fuchs, Dick Callanan, Jim Schwab. Members of the Word Committee: Andrew Dieter

Members Absent: Joan Windschitl

### A. Call to Order

- \* Msgr. Lozinski opened with the Evening Prayer-Liturgy of the Hours
- \* Attendance was taken and noted.
- \* Minutes were approved with the amendment to B: Any priest shortage we have (for a weekend) will be under a rotation—no single parish will always have to lose their mass.

### B. Pastor's Comments

Evangelization has got to be our Priority: how our faith is lived, expressed & taught. For many "Back to the Basics" is needed—do not know our faith & prayers.

Msgr. Lozinski is planning a day sometime in August for all the administrative councils and the AFC Council to meet and watch a video of Peter Herbeck from the Bishop Lucker Series this past March on Evangelization.

According to the Bishop, the bankruptcy is moving forward. Continuing with the 4<sup>th</sup> plan, the reality is that more parishes will need to be closed.

### C. Mission Statement: Tabled until Fall.

### D. Worship and Spiritual Life (Christ as Priest):

No report as the committee did not meet.

AFC Mission: November 10-12 at St. Mary's. Father Jim Kubicki, a Jesuit Priest from Sioux Falls will be the speaker.

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### E. Evangelization and Catechesis (Christ as Prophet)

Andrew Dieter spoke about the challenges. Eleven CCD Teachers are needed for 2019-2020 (4-Leavenworth/Comfrey; 2-Morgan; 5-Sleepy Eye). Curriculum will stay the same for the upcoming school year aligning Morgan a little more with the other three parishes.

Andrew will be looking deeper into potentially implementing the Track System in the future for CCD that the Diocese of Sioux Falls has been using: focuses on where they are at in their spiritual journey. Do they need evangelization or catechesis?

Monsignor spoke about adult education, Catholic Schools (St. Michael's school will be closing after the 2019-2020 school year), Marriage Prep and Confirmation.

### F. Service (Christ as King/Servant)

Dick Callanan reported the Comfrey CCW is still very active. It was noted the other 3 parish CCW's are too, but there are challenges in getting officers.

G. Stewardship

Budgets for each parish are almost all finalized.

Maintenance Supervisors: Liturgy, Finance & Education. Each will have a job description when decided.

H. AFC Bulletin / AFC Website / Immaculata

Church secretaries will be meeting to look at reducing bulletin from 12 to 8 pages.

I. Next meeting to be determined: August joint meeting of all Councils—see B: “Pastor’s comments”

J. Msgr closed with a Glory Be and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Wildt