

Divine Mercy AFC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – January 22, 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, January 22, 2019 at 6:48pm at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, church social room.

Members Present: Myron Mathiowetz, Dick Callanan, Colleen Wildt, Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Andrea Boyle, Joan Windschitl. Members Absent: Greg Fuchs, Jim Hillesheim, Jim Schwab. Members of the Worship Committee: Sean Connolly. Members of the Word Committee: Andrew Dieter

A. Call to Order:

Msgr. Lozinski opened with the Evening Prayer-Liturgy of the Hours
Attendance was taken and noted
Minutes were read and approved as written. MSA
Agenda. Added under I. #3-Mass schedule when there is a funeral

B. Pastor's comments:

Msgr. Lozinski ask that we read Section I. Foundational Principles, Chapters 1 & 2 in the Plan for Parishes before our next meeting. This can be found at www.dnu.org, click on the 'Our Diocese' tab and scroll down to 'Fourth Plan for Parishes'.

C. Mission Statement:

Myron Mathiowetz shared a mission statement he had drafted. We also talked about St. Mary's mission statement and maybe adapting that for the AFC. More input is needed on this.

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

There was no report from Sean Connolly, as the committee did not meet.

E. Evangelization and Catechesis (Christ as Prophet):

Andrew Dieter reported that the DRE's will be meeting again and looking at curriculum and resources that will be needed for each CCD program for next year.

Msgr spoke on the adult education within the AFC. "That Man Is You" will be starting their 2nd semester in February. Christ Life will be starting its second series of classes in February. Msgr also started a pilot program called 'Exodus 90'. It is a challenging 90-day period of prayer, asceticism and fraternity for men.

The marriage prep program with engaged couples meeting with married couples for four sessions is going well. Msgr is still searching for a different program for baptism prep.

AFC Confirmation is Sunday, March 10 at 9:30am, followed by a reception hosted by St. Mary's CCW. There are 26 candidates as of today. First Reconciliation for St. Michael's and St. Mary's second graders will be Sunday, January 27 at St. Mary's. (St. Paul's & Japanese Martyrs do not have anyone this year). There is a 1st Communion Parent meeting on Sunday, February 10 at St. Mary's.

There will be an AFC Mission, November 16 through 20. Fr. Jim Kubicki, S.J. will be the presenter. More information will follow.

Catholic Schools Week begins January 27 and runs through Feb. 2 with lots of activities at St. Michael's and St. Mary's Catholic Schools.

F. Service (Christ as King/Service):

KC's in Morgan distributed 100 coats for "Coat for Kids" with a few coats left for next year.

Dick Callanan reported that St. Paul's Church in Comfrey delivered meals to 35 people in Comfrey during the Christmas season. This is a non-denominational project and was received well in the community.

G. Stewardship:

Each parish has to continue to keep "Time, Talent, and Treasure" in the forefront of parish community. No updates on the Diocesan Bankruptcy as of this meeting.

H. AFC Bulletin/AFC Website/Immaculata:

Everyone got a copy of the Bulletin contract with LPI.

Creating an AFC newsletter is something that will take place in the near future.

I. New Business:

Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 28, 2019 with Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth hosting.

Mass schedule change if there is a funeral within the AFC. Each parish secretary should be notified that Mass in their parish is canceled and they can all the family of the Mass intention and let them know of the change.

Fr. Andy Michels had double knee replacement surgery on January 21. He will be out for 6-8 Weeks. We pray he heals quickly and is pain free.

If a priest is not available to assist Msgr with weekend Masses the following schedule will be adhered to:

Saturday: 5:30pm at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

8:00pm at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth w/St. Paul

Sunday: 8:00am at St. Michael's, Morgan

9:45am at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

11:30am Latin at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

J. New meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30pm at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth.

K. Msgr closed with the Glory Be and meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Windschitl