

Divine Mercy AFC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2018

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, Oct. 23, 2018 at 6:38pm at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, church social room.

Members Present: Jim Hillesheim, Fr. Andy Michels, Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Sean Connolly, Colleen Wildt, Joan Windschitl, Dick Callanan, Jim Schwab, Andrew Dieter.

Members Absent: Andrea Boyle, Greg Fuchs, Myron Mathiowetz

A. Call to Order

1. Msgr. Lozinski opened with the Evening Prayer-Liturgy of the Hours
2. Attendance was taken and noted.
3. Minutes were read and approved. MSA.
4. Agenda – One addition made to agenda under G. Bulletin. MSA.
5. Tabled election of officers until next meeting.

B. Mission Statement

Divine Mercy AFC needs to develop a “Mission Statement” in accord with the Diocesan Fourth Plan for Parishes. We are ask to read Section I Foundational Principles from the Diocesan Plan for Parishes from” 2013-2020 and Beyond” before our next meeting in November.

C. Worship and Spiritual Life (Christ as Priest)

Sean Connolly reported on the music ministry and ask that all lines of communication be open between all parishes and to talk with him on what is working and what is not. He is always glad to answer questions or help in any way he can.

D. Evangelization and Catechesis (Christ as Prophet)

There is much happening with adult education within the AFC. “That Man Is You” is held each Friday morning beginning at 5:45am with coffee and rolls followed by a presentation and small group discussions and ended in time to attend the 7:15am Mass if they choose to.

There are several couples meeting to become “Christ Life” Leaders and learn how Jesus Christ is changing lives. ChristLife Evangelization has three essential steps: Discovering, Following, and Sharing.

There are five couples meeting with engaged couples to help with marriage preparation.

Our AFC baptism class is offered every other month at St. Mary’s, Sleepy Eye.

First Communion/1st Reconciliation/Confirmation/CCD programs are going well.

E. Service (Christ as King/Service)

The KC organizations at St. Mary’s, Japanese Martyrs and St. Michael’s are very active along with the CCW in each parish.

F. Stewardship

The Bishop is currently attending the bankruptcy court proceedings and hoping for a resolution soon.

G. AFC Bulletin/AFC Website/Immaculata

Discussion on cost of bulletin and clarifying the expense. Website maintenance is done by Joan at St. Mary’s. Creating an AFC newsletter is something that is being looked into in the near future.

H. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 27 at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, beginning at 6:30pm

I. Msgr closed with prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Windschitl