

Heart of Jesus Area Pastoral Council Minutes

September 15, 2016

Meeting at the Jubilee Center in Olivia was called to order by Father Denny and prayer at 7:00 pm.

Present: Father George Schmit, George Stadther, Sara Anderson, Mary Jo Schmoll, Carol Westhoff, Nancy Standfuss, Diane Adamski, Father Irenaeus Nwimo, Father Denny Labat.

Absent: Tony LeGare, Kim Lippert

Routine Matters:

Volunteers were asked for first by Father Denny for the following positions:

Chairperson: Mary Jo Schmoll volunteered.

Vice Chairperson: George Stadther volunteered.

Secretary: Abby Thurston volunteered.

Father Denny gave an overview of previous meetings minutes as many of the members are new to this committee.

Meeting Minutes were approved.

There were no agenda additions.

St Mary's:

School – 122 total students, no changes from previous year numbers. Father George reports that 38 students are from other parishes, and many are non-Catholic. There are 8 students traveling from Willmar to come to St. Mary's school. The Marathon kick-off is September 30th and will end on October 19th.

The "Respect Life Brunch" will not occur this year due to lack of interest

Weekend of September 17/18 a formal welcome to St. Thomas Moore parishioners with a welcome lunch after.

St. John's:

Religious classes will start soon (September) as well as the formal welcome of 4 families from the St. Thomas Moore Church.

St. Aloysius: Fall Festival – October 9th

Holy Redeemer: Turkey Dinner – October 30th, CCW Gathering, 2nd Sunday October CCW Sunday, In need of teachers for religion classes

All Parishes: **Faith Formation classes will begin**

**In the future would like to see more 'AFC' committees in order to make sure good events don't have to not happen because it may be able to occur if all 4 parishes got together.

Unfinished Business

Discussed the book “Forming Intentional Disciples” and potential other options. Father Denny, Fr. George and Fr. Nwimo along with Sara will research other options and determine a book for the group to read. Once a decision is reached it will then be purchased and distributed to the group prior to the next meeting.

New Business

Fr. George then gave an overview of the handout that has the goals, objectives & action plans for the committee. There are 5 areas and each are how we collaborate with all parishes. The group will take this handout home to read each goal in order to see the direction and goals that were set in 2013. Each parish representative will compare to their local parish to determine how well each parish is doing on the specific goals. These goals will be reviewed at a Meeting or even can be reviewed through email to determine what new goals should be added or those that may have already been achieved and need to be removed.

Father Denny mentioned that the Diocese website has information that explains the framework for where this committee was started. Father Denny will get all committee members a copy of the Area Faith Progress Report as this will assist with knowing what future goals may be needed.

AFC Photos/Directory: A representative from Lifetouch will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss what options are available and what the next steps would be

AFC Logo: It was discussed that we have no logo at this time and for marketing and brand recognition this is important for any future brochures, flyers, etc. Father Denny was going to try to find the logo that was used from a previous mission that seemed to fit well to the AFC Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community. This was designed by someone from the local newspaper. We will try to figure out who that person was to see if the image file is still obtainable. Other names were mentioned for possible logo drawings – Toni Baumgartner, Heidi Mages, Carol Westhoff.

Future Business:

The next meeting will occur Tuesday November 29th at 7:00 at the Olivia Jubilee Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by chairperson Mary Jo Schmoll.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Thurston
Secretary