

Heart of Jesus Area Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 2nd - 7:00pm at Olivia

Present:

George Stadther, Mary Jo Schmoll, Maggie Wiggert, Carol Westhoff, Abby Thurston, Nancy Standfuss, Sara Anderson, Fr. Denny Labat

Absent:

Kim Lippert, Fr. George Schmit

- A. Meeting called to order by MaryJo Schmoll
- B. Opening Prayer by Fr. Denny.
- C. Introduced new member – Maggie Wiggert to the group and introduced ourselves and our home parish.
- D. Routine Matters
 1. Approval of minutes – November 29, 2016 - Approved by all in attendance.
 2. Additions to agenda – no additions
 3. Parish Reports/coming events – by 1 of parish reps
 - a. Bird Island – Mar 23 St. Mary’s School Spring Program, Apr 7 fish fry & Kindergarten round-up, May 19-20 School accreditation, May 21 H.S. Graduation Mass & Brunch, May 24 8th grade graduation, May 26 last day of school,
 - b. Hector – January Men’s Group Pancake & Raffle, religion wrap up, Ash Wednesday was well attended
 - c. Olivia – Friday’s during lent stations of the cross at noon followed by lunch, Mar 11 Confirmation, Mar 19 Woodbury choir, Mar 26 Mens Sausage Dinner, Apr 1 Prime Rib Dinner, Apr 2 Nick Davidson speaker about Theology of the Body, Mar 9th and each Tuesday after from 7-8 am with men to discuss the book ‘Into the Breach’
 - d. Renville – Religious Ed classes are going well, Ash Wednesday service was well attended (107 people), Wednesday stations of the cross in the evening, Lynn Schuler w/youth group homemade soup and bread (4:30-7:30), Palm Sunday Knights of Columbus April 9 Pancake
 4. Liturgy, Education and CCW Reports (7:17) Determining which committee should be reporting to which councils – the liturgy reporting to the Admin council. Everything isn’t figured out yet, but this is being determined yet. This is the beginning of a transition.
- E. Unfinished Business
 1. AFC Picture Directory
 - a. Feedback from Admin Councils – everybody agreed with the little book at all admin councils that were met with. No other feedback besides that August seemed like a good month to do it. A consensus was made that we move ahead with August and the small book. Sara will get the information back to LifeTouch regarding book type and date.
 2. AFC Logo – selection from logos submitted is to pick the large heart with cross hand drawn, consensus was determined.
 3. Goals and objectives for Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community – Sara updated the copy of each of the goals/objectives from the discussion and will get a copy of that to all members.
 1. **Christ's Priestly Mission (discussed)**
 - #1. Provide resources & opportunities for personal prayer, family-centered prayer in each parish
 - #2. Develop common training, procedures & enrichment for liturgical ministers
 2. **Christ's Prophetic Mission (discussed)**

#1. B. Generate interest in & provide adult faith enrichment in AFC

#2. C. Make new evangelization a top priority in our AFC

3. Christ's Kingly Mission: Human Dignity (discussed)

#1. B: Inform people of social issues & Catholic Social Teaching

#2. D: Provide a welcoming invite for providing outreach & support for #8 above

4. Christ's Kingly Mission: Marriage and Family (discussed)

#1. B: Develop an enrichment program for young married couples

#2. C: Provide resources for family enrichment & prayer

5. Christ's Kingly Mission: Stewardship (tabled due to time restrictions and we'll revisit at next meeting)

#1. A. Improve communication & coordination between parishes

#2. C. Combine purchases where possible.

New Business

1. Communication with Admin Councils: A member of the pastoral councils responsibility is to facilitate the communication between the two councils (Admin and Pastoral). One of the two representatives from a single parish will attend the Admin Council meeting for their designated parish. The two representatives will also get the admin council meeting minutes so we know what is going on. The pastoral council member will be at the beginning of the Admin Council agenda so if you do not want to stay you can leave after your reporting is done, but you don't have to leave if you'd like to stay that is fine as well. This is time to share what we are working on, talking about, bringing information from education/liturgy/ccw reports as well (summarize points with those to share with the admin council). What's happening in these areas of education, pastoral, liturgy, ccw etc. that impacts the admin council (they focus on budgets, finance, facilities). Sara & Father Denny are there to support the person representing from the pastoral council. Not everything has to be reported on. Items that would be good from this meeting to report on would be a logo being decided, guide books and developing our goals/objectives as those will require money and the facilities. Also, would be good to mention as part of goals the discussion of looking to have Area Mission. Most of these meetings are quarterly (St. Mary's is more frequent than the others).

- a. Holy Redeemer: Next Meeting: 4/18/17 at 7pm
- b. St. Aloysius: Next Meeting: 3/28/17 at 7pm
- c. St. Mary: Next Meeting: 4/24/17 at 7pm
- d. St. John: Next Meeting: 5/23/17 at 7pm

2. Amazingparish.org Video and Discussion – Summary of video: Discuss hospitality and that everyone has a role to play in welcoming people to our parish/church. You only get one chance at a first impression. This video is a great opportunity to share during liturgical ministers training options. Think about how people are welcomed – is it different for parishioners or someone not from our parish. Each parish has its own welcome it would be nice to find something common for all of our AFC parishes.

F. Future Business

1. Next meeting – May 4, 2017 at 7 pm (Thursday) at Olivia
 - a. Agenda items – Common program for a funeral – AFC Program, New Parishioner Welcome – AFC Materials, finish goals/objectives cards
 - b. The deadline for additional agenda items (week before meeting)

G. Adjourn and closing prayer was completed by Father Denny.

Future meetings: **1st Thursday** of September, December, March and May at 7:00pm at Olivia: ~~Sept. 1, 2016; Dec. 1, 2016 (Changed to November 29); March 2, 2017; May 4, 2017~~