

# Heart of Jesus Area Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## Thursday September 7th - 7:00pm at Olivia

### Members Present:

Mary Jo Schmoll, George Stadther, Abby Thurston, Sara Anderson, Fr. Denny Labat, Fr. George Schmit, Kim Lippert

Member Absent: Diane Adamski, Maggie Wiggert, Carol Westhoff, Nancy Standfuss

A. Meeting called to order by MaryJo Schmoll at 7:10 pm, Opening Prayer was said by Father Denny.

### B. Routine Matters

1. Election of Officers – this will be postponed due to lack of members present.
2. Approval of minutes – review and update the AFC mass schedule, current schedule for Monday & Tuesday.
3. Additions to agenda – Sara would like to add feedback on the bulletin – transition to LPI under new business
4. Parish Reports
  - a. Bird Island: - Catholic United Dinner on Sunday Sept 10, Marathon Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, Faith formation registrations will start in September – Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Campfire Prayer Service
  - b. Hector: Turkey supper was sold out (out of turkey) – Fr. George mentioned this was the 1<sup>st</sup> time he has seen people show up from all 4 parishes! Great to see! 9/20 faith formation kick-off
  - c. Olivia: Parish dinner on Oct 15 (Fall Festival), Faith Formation 9/27 starts (prior week is registration) – going to figure out how to invite St. Mary's students that they are welcome to come
  - d. Renville: Nov 5 Church Dinner, Faith Formation 9/27 starts
  - e. All Parishes: Oct 8 is CCW recognition Sunday, Trustees from all 4 parishes have been invited 9/26 meeting from 2-4:30pm at St. Al's in regards to Diocesan bankruptcy
5. Liturgy, Education and CCW Reports – they have not met yet to report on anything to us - CCW Region 5 gathering on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### C. Unfinished Business

1. New picture directory – overall things went well, some issues at Olivia with running behind. Sara is looking into options for extra books/quantities with LifeTouch.
2. Goals and objectives for Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community

Sara, Father Denny and Father George have been working with the parish staff and working through these areas, some take a lot of time to determine a direction and who will be responsible.
3. AFC Mass Schedule
  - a. One Priest weekend Schedule – The one preferred change may be to St. John's at 7pm, and the Sunday is not a problem with Renville and Bird Island. St. John's is in favor of making it an earlier time Saturday, could go to 6:30 without affecting St. Al's schedule of mass, but any earlier they'd have to move something at St. Al's. Need to ask the St. Al's admin council as well on this topic. They meet on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Some of them said we should stick with a one priest weekend to help our priests. Father George said if that is something we do he would propose a 4pm and 6pm mass on Saturdays. Kim mentioned by doing this a concern is reducing participation in masses (less lectors, less ushers, less musicians etc.). Will need to get feedback from all parishes on this topic.
  - b. One Priest Weekday Schedule
    - i. Monday: priest well deserved day off ☺

- ii. Tuesday: St. Mary's School Mass OR 8:30 St. Mary's Mass if no school
- iii. Wednesday: St. Johns
- iv. Thursday: HR
- v. Friday: St. Al's

#### D. New Business

- a. New Parishioner Welcome – AFC Materials – maybe include a parish directory option, might entice them or get them to get their picture in the directory as well.
- b. AFC Mission – Sara, Fr. George and Fr. Denny have discussed the parish mission options. The last mission was 3 years ago (March of 2015). Fr. Denny got a letter from Good News International. Fr. Denny says they do great work and has really liked working with them at previous parishes he has been at. 2018 is open for availability except for Lent – remainder of 2017 was full. Looking at fall Nov 5-8, Nov 26-29 week after Thanksgiving (we have Nick Davidson scheduled to come during that time frame and that is unable to be moved), or Dec 10-13 (during advent). Preaches at weekend masses, then Sunday – Wednesday night he would have an evening session and be at the morning masses so that for those who don't like to go out at night could go to the morning session. Cost wise we would need to cover his cost from New Jersey to Minneapolis, put him up in the rectory and feed him. He takes a collection on the last night. Main cost would be the travel expense. Takes about 6 weeks prep time to get scheduled. 1<sup>st</sup> choice is for March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Father Denny will contact Good News International about these date options.
- c. Feedback on bulletin – easy to read, like the colors, earlier deadlines to submit have not been any trouble so far. Sara has been working on getting the mobile app ready – this would allow us to send reminders to people about 1 priest weekends, parish dinners etc.

#### E. Future Business

- 1. Next meeting – Tuesday November 28th at 7:00pm (due to Dec 7<sup>th</sup> being before a Holy Day)
  - a. Agenda items – Funerals (having a common program across all parishes) & an AFC Program
  - b. Deadline for additional agenda items (week before meeting)

F. Adjourn done by MaryJo and closing prayer done by Fr. Denny.

Future meetings: **1st Thursday** of September, December, March and May at 7:00pm at Olivia:  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, March 1, 2018; May 3, 2018