

Minutes from the Cluster Meeting for Pastoral Council & Care Ministry
St. Leo's in Pipestone
March 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM

We began our meeting with Adoration and Benediction in the church. Then we moved into a conference room where Msgr. Kosse explained our job and handed out information from the last meeting in Luverne at St. Catherine's. We formed two groups. The other group discussed financial matters. Pastoral Council/Care Ministry representatives were: Luverne: Father Tom Jennings, MaryLou Mulligan, Chris Hein, Lynn Richters and Dick Smook. Pipestone: Doug VanMoorlehem, Gen Lustfield, Miriam Johnson, Jim Hulm and Patt Johnson.

We received an agenda with 5 questions to lead the discussion.

(1) When will the Parish Pastoral Council meet --- what month and where?

We decided on no meetings in June, July, August and December.

Both Parish councils will have a joint meeting in September and May each year.

Saint Catherine's Parish Council will meet in Luverne in November, February and April

Saint Leo's Parish Council will meet in Pipestone in October, January and March.

That way the pastor only attends one meeting each month.

(2) Schedule the weekday Masses schedule with one Mass per day --- where and when?

We settled on Luverne having visits to care centers on Tuesday and the pastor will have Mass on Thursday's and be available on site for pastoral duties. In Pipestone, Wednesday will have a Parish Mass and the pastor will be on site for pastoral duties. Friday will be set aside for the Ministry of Care visits. We also discussed Communion Services at some of the care centers from time to time but nothing was settled. This item needs more discussion.

(3) Homebound/Care Ministry

This ministry will now be called Ministry of Care.

Pipestone has 13 lay people who handle the visits. Luverne has 20 lay people who do this work. We talked about how to increase the number of parishioners to carry on this ministry. If some of the duties could be handled on weekends more people who work during the week could volunteer. Some school teachers have visited with the folks in Pipestone about this change. More flexibility in the schedule might entice more volunteers.

(4) Bulletins & Websites Each parish will continue to do their own bulletin. The pastor will continue to do his column and it can be the same in both bulletins. The cost would stay about the same. Doug, from St. Leo's in Pipestone, had visited with OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, a company that sets up websites. He said that they would suggest one site and the user could link to which parish they wished go to from the opening page. It would cost \$250 to make the change and would cost \$900 annually. Online donations is an area in which we need some clarification on the cost of the service and how that works.

(5) Faith Formation Report

The Faith Formation director from Pipestone, Miriam Johnson, reported that each parish would maintain its own operation as is. She said that she and Katie Baustian had been conferring by phone about the ramifications of travel and such. They have been sharing resources and will continue to do so. SL does not have mission trips but have had students join SC trips and that will continue. Confirmation dates will be at the discretion of the Bishop. He may do them together or in each parish.

SL has Adoration on Wednesday from noon until 5:15 PM

SC has Adoration

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