

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Date 2-9-16

A. Welcome

Roll Call:

Present: Connie Johnson, Jim Hulm, Janice Rieckman, Mike Stiles, Ann Full, Karen Dobbs, Rochelle Remund, Mike Appel, Deb Brockberg, Miriam Johnson, Msgr. Kosse.

Absent: Jamie Fenicle, Gen Lustfield, Chrissy Debates, Miquel Acevedo, Stella Lingen, Rosann Fenicle, Lonnie Swenson.

Opening Prayer by Msgr. Kosse.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Deb, second by Mike, all in favor.

B. Business

Pastoral Planning: The final meeting was held with the Diocese. Now we will have groups from Our Tri-Parish and St. Catherine working together and planning for the future. Representatives from the Tri-Parish are Tammy Manderschied and Gen Lustfield representing Pastoral Council, Jim O'Neill and Katie Einck representing Finance Council, Doug VanMoorlehem representing Homebound Ministry and Miriam Johnson representing Faith Formation. Their first meeting will be Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>. They must submit a report to the Bishop by March 15<sup>th</sup> on our plans for the future.

An inventory and history of all three Parishes have been completed.

St. Martin will be meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of their buildings. St. Joseph has not set a date for this type of meeting. Both Parishes recommendations are to close and not move to oratory.

We discussed what we can do to welcome members of St. Joseph and St. Martin to St. Leo. Members of these parishes will automatically become members of St. Leo when their parish closes. They will be members until they notify St. Leo otherwise. We created a list of things we can do to welcome them.

They are as follows:

- Adopt a family. Families and individuals from St. Leo will contact people from the other parishes to hopefully encourage them to remain members of St. Leo.
- Creating a room at St. Leo to honor St. Martin and St. Joseph and to hold some special items from those churches.
- Incorporate things into St. Leo Church from the other churches.
- Letters to all parishioners informing them and welcoming them. Also giving contact information of pastoral council members for questions and concerns.
- Using faith formation to teach the youth about Saints Martin and Joseph.
- Continuing fellowship and coffee.
- Hosting a potluck and having members of St. Martin and St. Joseph share a story and history of their church.
- Something in the bulletin encouraging people to share their ideas, concerns, etc. in regards to all the upcoming changes.
- A new directory after our new cluster is formed with St. Catherine.

Parish Survey: Nothing was decided at this time.

Faith Formation Report: Report was given by Miriam and her report is listed below.

2/9/201615 FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

- Youth
  - Our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Deanery Middle School Youth Festival went well with about 12 youth attending from our Tri-Parish on Sunday, October 25.
  - Our juniors (Confirmation Candidates), were able to go to the Banquet in Sioux Falls to serve.
  - Youth Ministry
    - Attended Newsboys Concert in Brookings
    - Book Study “My Rock & My Salvation”
    - InterMission on February 28.
    - Steubenville Rochester in July.
  - We had a Grade 3-5 Reconciliation Retreat December 2, which is the same evening as the Communal Penance Service here at St. Leo. All went well.
  - Christmas Caroling was canceled due to bad weather.
  - Grade 2 Peace & Forgiveness Day (Reconciliation) was January 9.
  - We have had 3 non-traditional youth receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 2 have received their First Eucharist and the other is preparing to.
  - Grades 6 & 7 are having a Souperbowl for Caring Contest to see which class can collect the most money for our local food shelf on Super Bowl Weekend. \$804 was collected.
  - Fundraising
    - Our annual Sweetheart Dinner is February 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - Knights of Columbus Fish Fries Feb. 19, March 4 and 18.
  - Shadow Stations will be performed by our 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth on March 2, 2016 as an opening to the Communal Penance Service.
- Adult Faith Formation
  - Study Groups have started
    - The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy
      - Thursday evenings at Bunny Johnson’s Home – 8 participants
      - Saturday mornings at St. Leo – 9 participants
    - Catholicism 101: Essentials for the Journey / With Jesus to the Cross
      - Friday mornings at St. Martin with 14 participants
    - Walking With Mary / Momnipotent
      - Wednesday mornings at St. Leo – 6 participants
    - Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained
      - Sunday evenings at St. Leo – 15 participants
  - Feed Your Faith “Social Ministry Style”
    - Deacon Chris from the Diocese of Winona
    - Speaking three times during Lent: Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 9

Noah's Ark Preschool report: Ten enrolled in the three year old class and 14 enrolled in the 4 & 5 year old class. A fundraiser will be held a pizza ranch on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Spanish Ministry Report: No report given.

C. Financial reports

- No reports given.

D. Other Business

- Co-chairs have been found for the spring dinner. Brad and Sandy Karels will join Lonnie and Jeannie Swenson.

Next meeting is Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with adoration at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Mike Stiles