

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Einck, and Father Kosse opened with prayer. Nine members plus Miguel were present. There were no minutes to be read. They will be read at the next meeting.

Parish Goals:

The council has to decide if they need some changes. Language will be one of the changes along with prayers, music, & etc. One of the topics of discussion was how we merge with other parishes. Most things are going well: pre-school, faith formation, Spanish mass, and programs, but maybe we could get more benefit from doing some programs together. Possibly we could have some activities for seniors during the warm months before they go south for the winter.

Pastoral Planning Committee is still trying to decide how to take care of all of the parishes with fewer priests. We will keep praying for a solution since we have 22 parishes and only 8 priests. We also discussed mass scheduling and faith formation classes. We want to make sure the children, especially from the small parishes, are able to participate in mass at their parish and also in the faith formation classes. A possible solution would be to spread Mass times. An article will be forthcoming on this subject.

St. Leo Spring Dinner is April 25th. Everything is on schedule. St Martin's is May 2nd.

Noah's Ark pre-school has 28 children signed up in the 4/5 year old classes and 5 children for the 3 year old classes. They need shelving for boxes and are grateful for donations already received. They also need a "Noah's Ark Pre-School" sign.

Faith Formation is done and Bible camp for pre-school through 5th grade is in June.

Miguel said there would be more Spanish masses this Saturday, Sunday, and Good Friday. Also, there will be a bus trip to The Guadalupe Shrine in Wisconsin on June 27th.

The next topic of discussion was nominations for Tri-Parish council. These are 3 year terms. We need to elect 1 person from St. Joseph, 1 from St. Martin, and 2 from St. Leo parishes. There are a total of 3 members from St. Joseph, 3 from St Martin, and 6 from St. Leo church. Nominations will be made April 25th , and voting will be on May 16th.

A motion was made to reconsider the refrigerator in the new addition at the next meeting. This was seconded.

The next meeting will be on May 27th, 2010.