

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Date 4-5-16

A. Welcome

Roll Call:

Present: Jamie Fenicle, Gen Lustfield, Jim Hulm, Janice Rieckman, Mike Stiles, Ann Full, Karen Dobbs, Rochelle Remund, Deb Brockberg, Stella Lingen, Rosann Fenicle.

Absent: Connie Johnson, Chrissy Debates, Mike Appel, Miguel Acevedo, Miriam Johnson, Lonnie Swenson.

Opening Prayer by Msgr. Kosse.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved.

B. Business

Pastoral Planning-Vision 2016: Our plan has been submitted to the Bishop and we are awaiting approval. Reports from recent meetings can be found on the Tri-Parish website. Both St. Martin and St. Joseph have voted to close when Fr. Jennings retires or if their buildings are sold. When the consolidation occurs and the two parishes close all members will be merged into St. Leo. They will become members of St. Leo and will need to notify Msgr. Kosse if they will be attending a different parish. Bishop Quinn plans to visit all the parishes that will be closing or going to oratory status. It was suggested we also consider placing items from St. Martin and St. Joseph in St. Leo Church and not just in the building.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Monsignor will be speaking about the importance of this appeal. Only St. Leo has a goal this year. St. Martin and St. Joseph parishioners are still encouraged to support it.

Stewardship Committee: Monsignor handed out information on the role of a stewardship committee he would like to develop. This committee would be a subcommittee of the pastoral council. He is looking for five people to be on this committee. He wants us to come up with a list of people we think would do well on this new committee. He wants each of us to bring some names to the next meeting.

Nomination and Election: We will do nominations for the pastoral council on April 17th at all three parishes. Elections will be held on May 22nd. This schedule is a tentative schedule. We will need two nominations for St. Martin and St. Joseph and four for St. Leo. Those leaving the council this year are Connie Johnson, Janice Rieckman, Mike Stiles and Ann Full.

Faith Formation Report: Monsignor read some highlights from Miriam's report. The full report is listed below.

4/5/2016 FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

- Youth
 - First Eucharist
 - 15 at St. Leo
 - 6 at St. Joseph

- 1 at St. Martin
 - Confirmation:
 - 11 of our Tri-Parish Youth will be confirmed on October 2nd with Bishop Harrington.
 - 11 of our Tri-Parish Youth in grade 10 this year will begin their final year of preparation to be confirmed in 2017.
 - Catechist Appreciation
 - There will be a catechist appreciation at St. Joseph and St. Leo on Sunday, April 17th.
 - Last Classes
 - Sunday Morning Program: April 17. The youth in grades 2-5 will be going bowling and youth in grades PK-1 will be having a party at the church.
 - Wednesday Evening Program: May 4. Watching the movie “McFarland USA”
 - Service
 - Our Youth will be cleaning a parishioner’s yard in May.
 - All youth in grades 6-11 have completed at least one service project this year:
 - Visiting the elderly at the nursing home or one of the assisted living homes
 - Cleaning the Food Shelf building
 - Summer Program
 - Totus Tuus for youth in grades 1-12
 - June 12-17
 - Youth Ministry
 - Reading and studying the book “My Rock and My Salvation”.
 - Steubenville Rochester in July
- Adult Faith Formation
 - Study Groups going on now
 - The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy
 - Thursday evenings at Bunny Johnson’s Home – 8 participants
 - “Living Everyday with Passion and Purpose”.
 - Saturday mornings at St. Leo – 9 participants
 - Living the Power of the Holy Spirit:
 - 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 Todd and Miriam’s home – 15 participants

Noah's Ark Preschool Report: Monsignor gave the report for the preschool. Angie Jones' position will need to be filled for the next school year. She was placed on leave without pay due to her legal issues. They are putting together a search committee to fill this position. They have had a few substitutes cover this position.

Spanish Ministry Report: Monsignor gave the report. We discussed the growing number of Hispanic parishioners in our three parishes.

C. Financial Reports

-St. Joseph: Stella reported they are behind in their giving and that their Ladies Aid is disbanding. Stella will be attending the Board of Review for the property taxes for St. Joseph. The thought is that the high tax assessment would be a concern for prospective buyers. Stella made a request that St. Joseph and St. Leo switch mass times for Sunday September 11th. No one had any objections to this request.

-St. Martin: Rosann reported they are also behind in giving. They hope is to sell the church and the house together. There has been some interest expressed in both buildings and property.

-St. Leo: Monsignor reported that St. Leo's budget will increase by an estimated \$10,000 when the other two parishes close.

Other Discussion

-We discussed adding a large cross/crucifix to St. Leo. We have a family willing to donate this to the church. We talked about what it should look like, where it should be, how large and if we could use one from the other churches. We also discussed moving the tabernacle so it is more centrally located. This has been suggested by the Bishop. It was suggested it could be moved to where the processional cross sits. Monsignor would like us to talk to other parishioners and get their thoughts on these things as well as incorporating things from St. Martin and St. Joseph into the church.

-Monsignor informed us that St. Joseph and St. Leo have both been named in lawsuits regarding priest abuse cases. Monsignor and Stella will be attending a meeting in Rochester on Friday April 8th regarding this issue. More information to come.

Next meeting is Tuesday May 3rd at 7pm with adoration at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Mike Stiles