

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Date 4-28-15

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Roll Call:

Present: Tammy Manderscheid, Connie Johnson, Jim Hulm, Janice Rieckman, Mike Stiles, Ann Full, Darlene Gonnerman, Miriam Johnson, Rosann Fenicle, Msgr. Kosse.

Absent: Gen Lustfield, Maureen Bell, Karen Dobbs, Rochelle Remund, Dan Delaney, Miquel Acevedo, Stella Lingen, Lonnie Swenson.

Opening Prayer by Msgr. Kosse.

A new agenda was presented to the council which added a proposal regarding the church dinners.

A correction was made to the minutes. Gene Peterson was the member who left the council, not Maureen Bell. Gene's replacement is Janice Rieckman. Following the correction the minutes were approved.

New Business:

A presentation was made by former dinner chairs Dave & Marjean Ossefoort, Theresa Stangle, Jeannie Swenson and Derrick Femrite. They shared the frustrations in recent years of finding co-chairs and workers. They presented a proposal to make this easier in the future. They recommended assigning a different faith formation class and parents to help with each dinner. There will still be chairs and co-chairs but the work and duties would be shared between them and the families of a particular grade level. You will find a copy of the proposal at the end of this document. Following the proposal, a motion was made by Ann to accept the proposal for 2016 spring and fall dinners. Second by Mike with all members in favor. Mike will contact those making the proposal to let them know the decision of the council.

Pastoral planning was discussed. St. Martin held a meeting to answer questions and concerns from parishioners. Tammy expressed her concern that she has received mixed messages as to what control the Parish will have in making decisions. Monsignor wants to hold a meeting at St. Joseph to help answer questions. Jim and Janice will talk with Stella about setting a date for an informational meeting. According to Monsignor, the Parishes will vote on what happens to their churches. He envisions Pipestone and Luverne sharing a priest but everything else remaining separate.

Miriam gave the Faith Formation report. The last Wednesday night class will be 4-29 with a showing of the movie God's Not Dead. Catachist appreciation dinner is May 6th. May 13th students will be doing yard work for Patty Johnson. Totus Tuus will be June 7th-12th. Valley Fair trip is June 24th. Steubenville is July 10th 11th 12th. Adult Faith Formation is going well. Father Tupper from Austin, MN will speak about exorcism on Thursday April 30th. Everyone enjoyed Chad Campbell's presentation on the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

Monsignor gave the report for Noah's Ark. All is going well. Ann shared that she spent a day at the pre-school and was very impressed. She liked how they worked the Catholic Faith into the day.

The only item on the Spanish Ministry Report was that the combined Mass on Easter went well.

Darlene brought a concern to the council that a parishioner shared with her. The concern was that individuals are being excluded from receiving communion from the Homebound Committee. Concerns were expressed that Parishioners have requested this and the committee or someone on the committee is choosing who should or should not receive this. Monsignor and Miriam both expressed their concerns and experience with this problem. Everyone in attendance were concerned and upset that this is happening. Jim made a motion that the Pastoral Council inform the Homebound Committee will deliver communion to anyone who requests it. A second by Connie and all approved. Darlene will contact the members of the Homebound Committee and ask that they attend their next meeting on May 5th at 9am. Mike, Darlene, Tammy and Jim will attend this meeting to discuss this issues and inform them of the decision of the Pastoral Council.

Financial Reports:

Rosann gave the report from St. Martin. At their last meeting they looked at what costs would be associated with the St. Martin church going to oratory status.

No reports from St. Leo and St. Joseph.

Pastoral Council nominations will take place May 16th & 17th with a tentative date set for voting on June 6th & 7th.

Next meeting is September 8th at 7pm with prayer at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Mike Stiles

Proposal for assistance with the Fall Festival & Spring Dinner

Issues:

1. Finding Chairs to head up each event
 - a. People are hesitant to commit due to the amount of work load
 - b. We struggle to have enough hands and often work short handed
 - c. These two issues lead to unwillingness to be find Chairs
2. Lack of people to fill the work load
 - a. Sign-up sheets rarely get filled in the concourse
 - b. Many calls and left messages (lack of land lines and cell#)
 - c. Left messages usually do not return
 - d. Last year we worked very short handed this lead to stress & frustration for Chairs and the people who did volunteer, (hence less volunteers next time!)

Possible Solution:

1. Assigning a classroom to each occasion
 - a. Example: 4th grade parents assist with Fall Festival; 8th grade parents assist with Spring Dinner
2. Benefits
 - a. Once set up everyone is aware of expectation
 - b. Many more hands make lighter work
 - c. Opportunity to get a variety of people involved
 - d. New fresh ideas
 - e. Young families involved
 - f. Lighten up work load for Chairs
 - g. More opportunity to get children involved
3. Present this in the Fall 2015 when the Faith Formation starts

Fall Festival –Dave and I are Chairs we will take care of putting it together as we have in the past. If parents are informed in the Fall we should be able to implement for the 2016 Spring Dinner.

I do feel it is important that we still have Chairs and Co-Chairs they will be the organizers and in charge of working with the parents and delegating the work load.

Example:

Chairs and Co-Chairs meet with the classroom in the Fall and give the parents an idea of how the meals work and why we do them and the importance of the income that is brought to the Parish. Explain the variety of jobs that will need to be accomplished so they can be thinking of which ones they would like to participate. Meet back again several months prior to the Dinner to have an organizational meeting and assign the parents to a job duty such as: publicity, country store, prizes/games, recruiting workers, raffles, etc.

Past and Present Chairs & Co-Chairs