

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
JPII Conference Room
Nov. 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes
6:30pm Adoration in Church
7:00pm Meeting

A. Welcome

1. Roll Call-- Present: Msgr. Kosse, Michael Powers, Gen Lustfield, Tim Darveaux, Karen Dobbs, Mike Appel, Deb Brockberg, Miriam Johnson, Chrissy DeBates, Stella Lingen.
Absent: Jamie Fenicle, Nancy Siebenahler, Gracie Casas, Rosann Fenicle, Jim Hulm, Rochelle Remund, Miguel Acevedo, Lonnie Swenson.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of minutes: Minutes of 9/20/16 approved by acclamation.

B. Business

1. Pastoral Planning – Vision 2016
 - a. Vote to sell St. Joseph to City of Jasper: Fr. Kosse described process: St. Joseph has been given a letter of intent by the City of Jasper to purchase St. Joseph Church property. They need votes by this (Tri-parish Pastoral Council) council, the Parish Finance Council, then the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors. Fr. Kosse will be meeting with these last two bodies this Friday via Skype. **Motion by Tim Darveaux, 2nd by Chrissy DeBates to sell St. Joseph Church property to City of Jasper.** Discussion: They can sell the church property, but cannot dissolve the corporation of St. Joseph until lawsuit is settled. Price of property is \$12,000. **Roll Call Vote: Michael Powers, Gen Lustfield, Tim Darveaux, Karen Dobbs, Mike Appel, Deb Brockberg, Chrissy DeBates each voted “Aye”. No negative votes.**
 - b. St. Martin will hold meeting tomorrow and discuss possible sale of their Church and Rectory for \$50,000.
 - c. Welcoming St. Martin and St. Joseph – tabled until later date.
2. Cross and Tabernacle in St. Leo
After some discussion of installing a large cross/crucifix instead of using the processional cross, a consultant has visited the church and will submit proposed cross/crucifix design. Nothing decided yet. Also suggested by the Bishop that our tabernacle could be moved to a more prominent location. Nothing decided.
3. Stewardship Committee: 2 couples have agreed to serve and are waiting for response of third couple.
4. Faith Formation:

Report by Miriam: 11/15/2016 FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:

- Youth
 - Our 26th annual Deanery Middle School Youth Festival went well with 13 youth attending from our Tri-Parish on Sunday, October 30th.
 - Our Juniors (Confirmation Candidates), were able to go to the Banquet in Sioux Falls to serve.
 - I am working on getting some Tri-Parish Youth Ministry gatherings scheduled for the year.
 - Book Study “Thirteen Reasons Why”
 - Supper and “Story Time With Miriam”
 - We will have a Grade 3-5 Reconciliation Retreat November 30th, which is the same evening as the Communal Penance Service here at St. Leo.
 - There will be a Christmas Program at St. Joseph on December 18th following Mass.
 - There will be a Christmas Program at St. Leo on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00pm.

- Christmas Caroling will be December 21st. We will be going on a flatbed to Good Sam, Falls Landing and Ridge View, weather permitting.
- Adult Faith Formation
 - VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children”
 - Wonderful program that the whole parish should be trained with!
 - Required by the Diocese of Winona for all adults working directly with youth.
 - All paid employees must complete the training every 5 years.
 - Volunteers, at this time, need to complete the training one time.
 - Background checks are done on all volunteers and church employees every five years.
 - Background checks for those working with the preschool are run every year by the state.
 - We have been in compliance since the beginning of this program in 2011.
 - Study Groups have started and are going well.
 - **“THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: A FAITH SHARING GUIDE”**
 - This 8 session study took place on Friday mornings at St. Martin in Woodstock.
 - Another study will begin during the season of lent.
 - **“SYMBOLON II – LIVING THE FAITH”**
 - This study started Sunday, November 6th at Todd & Miriam Johnson’s home.
 - **“BELOVED” Mystery and Meaning of Marriage**
 - These six sessions were on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10:00 AM at St Leo in Pipestone.
 - The “Beloved II” (six sessions) will begin after the first of the year.
 - **“I Choose the Sky”**
 - This book study is held every other Tuesday morning at 9:00 am at St. Leo in Pipestone.
- Feed Your Faith “Social Ministry Style” Feed Your Faith
 - Both went well. October 5th session was very well attended.
 - September 28th with Deacon Walchuk on Faithful Citizenship
 - October 5th with Lisa Kremer on Immigration

5. Noah’s Ark Preschool: (4) 3 yr olds and (13) 4 yr olds.
 6. Spanish Ministry: Pizza Ranch Fundraiser tomorrow night to help pay for roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Dec. 11.
 7. Lawsuit: May be 2-3 years until it gets settled.
- C. Financial Reports from the three Parish Finance Councils:
 St Joseph: Stella Lingen reported things are doing OK. Will still have to maintain the Church corporation because of the lawsuit if sale proceeds as planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brockberg
 (acting secretary)

Next meeting: January 17, 2017. Adoration at 6:30pm with meeting to follow at 7:00pm.