

Tri Parish Pastoral Council
Nov 21, 2017
JPII Conference Room
6:30 pm Adoration in Church, 7:00 pm Meeting

A. Welcome

Roll Call

Present: Msgr. Kosse, Jamie Fenicle, , Michael Powers, Tim Darveaux, Dan Delaney, Deb Brockberg, Rosann Fenicle, Mike Appel, Miquel Acevedo, Mary Lue Huntsman

Absent: Gracie Casa , Nancy Siebenahler, Chrissy DeBates, Lonnie Swenson, Trish Johnson, Helen Vanorny, , Stella Lingen, Greg Carrow

Opening Prayer by Msgr. Kosse

Minutes of the previous meeting approved by Deb and 2nd by Dan. All in Favor.

B. Business

Cross at St. Leo

Cross is up and we had the blessing. It looks very nice in the church. 100 lbs 9 ft long. Fiber glass cross. Hung with airplane wires. Total 8800 dollars for the cross and installation. All was donated.

“Joseph Martin” Room

More pictures and items have been added. The wall is going to be painted. Going to put a saying on the wall “In honor of St. Martin and St. Joseph Parish”. Gen Lustfield is working on the stencil and then we will have a dedication and coffee and rolls that Sunday in the room. Angel from church will be making a painting of St. Joseph to match the St. Martin painting

Future Merging and Cluster Meetings

Fr. Jennings is looking to retire next fall. He did send his letter of intent to the bishop. Merging will not happen until the lawsuits occur.

Faith Formation Report

- 206 enrolled in classes K-12, with 4 kids joining who have never attended class before and parents are not part of our Parish...yet.
- All Catechists, including Subs, were presented with “Thank You Bags” from the CDA for Thanksgiving for their time, talent and heart.
- 3-5 Reconciliation Retreat is November 29th at 5:30 pm. Communal Reconciliation following at 7:00pm.

- Looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas program set for December 17th. We will do the practice, dinner and performance in one afternoon. **Dinner just for the kids?????**
- The 6th grade class has now been broken down into 4 groups of 5 students lead by pairs of the 12th grade Confirmed Students who volunteered for this big project. Mike Stiles is coaching and prepping the seniors and we keep saying our prayers.
- We received \$1000 grant from CUF for Chastity & Abstinence which will allow us to bring in a speaker for our kids. Currently I'm waiting on confirmation for a speaker who will key in primarily for boys and men and then open to the whole community. I'll wait on any announcements until I'm certain, so stay tuned.
- The Prayer Baskets are a hit! Please ask your young one what they brought home and remind other parents/families this is a project that can include the entire family.
- I want to thank and express how deeply the caring, praying and concern my Parish family has shown me through this Cancer Odyssey has affected me. I won't go so far as to say it makes it totally worth having cancer, but it sure is close! Thank you for your patience, assistance and prayers, I am overwhelmed.

Noah's Ark Preschool Report

Catholic School Superintendent Marsha Stenzel. She had lunch and talked with Amy about the program. They looked at the security of the classrooms and how to maintain it and keep the students safe. Should look at getting the Sheriff's office a key to be able to get in if necessary. ALICE training was brought up to teach the students to fight back and run instead of sitting and waiting. Only one door is open when students are here and the monitor is watched at all times.

One student went back to Chicago so back to 5 in the 3/4 year old class. 16 students total.

Lofty goal would be to start a daycare to help with the daycare problem in the community. It would be in the far future.

Spanish Ministry Report

Getting ready for Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Dec 10th. Actual celebration is on Dec 12th. 20 dozen roses this year because we are low on funds. Will have a lunch after the 10 am mass. Enrique is going to talk to the community to see if you can get 6 to 8 people 1 hour before church to start the celebration the traditional way they do the celebration in Mexico.

Baby baskets have begun. Tip night fundraiser on Nov 29th. Want to meet with some nurses at the hospital and see if they have a place to store the baskets and hand out to the new moms when they give birth. Could have the 5th and 6th grade students help put the baskets together and include a personal note. Have a donation basket in church for everyone to be able to drop off items they are able to provide. The money raised will also buy some of the supplies. Would like to partner with all of the churches in town to make it a community project. Starting with the Pipestone, Jasper, and Chandler area.

Miquel was invited to participate in the Lions club turkey give away. 15 turkeys were given

away to needy families for Thanksgiving. 80+ turkeys were given out and donated by both Hanks and Coborns.

Lawsuit Update

Met with the lawyers in Okoboji. There is a trial set in Wynona as to whether or not the church can be sued because the priest was assigned to the parish. Case will more than likely get appealed and could take up to another year. If the judge rules in our favor, the lawsuits would be dropped and we can move on and merge. Decisions will more than likely continue to get appealed and could take up to years to be finalized.

C. Other Business

Directory:

Life touch has been in contact wondering if we want to update the directory. Last directory was in 2013. Directory is free to the church. Wondering if it would be better to wait until we merge. General thinking is to wait for the merge.

Kevin Aaker will be the deacon for the two parishes of Luverne and Pipestone for the next two years. Wants to come up and join some of the activities in our church as well. Ordination will be sometime in August.

D. Financial Reports

St. Leo: Lonnie was absent. Msgr would like to get a count of how many members plan to come to St. Leo with the merge. It would be nice to get a count since it affects what we pay for certain programs and what we need to budget. It is a double edge sword if you approach them or if you welcome them.

St. Joseph: Stella was absent. Trying to meet their budget. Doing what they can. Assets will be transferred to the cemetery fund after the merge.

St. Martin: We aren't meeting our quota every week but some weeks we do OK. Budget is to help share the expenses. Split proportional by members of each parish. When we merge all three budgets will become one budget for St. Leo.

Next Meeting: Tues March 20, 2018. Adoration 6:30 pm in the church. Meeting 7:00 pm in Joseph Martin Room.