

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Date 9/7/2014

Roll Call:

Present: Tammy Manderscheid, Connie Johnson, Jim Hulm, Mike Stiles, Ann Full, Karen Dobbs, Rochelle Remund, Dan Delaney, Miguel Acevedo, Rosann Fenicle

Absent: Gen Lustfield, Eugene Peterson, Darlene Gonnerman, Stella Lingen, Lonnie Swenson

Also present at the meeting, Msgr. Kosse

Opening Prayer said by all

Approval of minutes, motion by Dan, second by Rosann, all approve.

New Business:

Election on officers: Following a brief discussion, motion by Dan for all officers to remain the same, second by Jim, all in favor. Officers are as follows, Chairperson Darlene Gonnerman, Vice-Chairperson Gen Lustfield and Secretary Mike Stiles.

Check emails and phone numbers:

Member information was reviewed and necessary corrections made.

Catholic Daughters on gym wall decoration:

Annette Weisbeck and Joyce Kadlec presented the new plan and cost for the gym wall decoration. They also asked for ideas in raising money to help cover the cost. Motion by Mike to accept the new wall decoration second by Ann, all in favor.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning:

Pastoral Planning Committee was reactivated and will begin again this fall. We have eight clusters in our Deanery which will be re-clustered. A plan will be in place next year and will be implemented over the next 4-10 years. The representatives for our three Parishes are Mike and Tammy Manderscheid for St. Martin, Jim and Nancy O'Neill for St. Leo and Jim and Carolyn Baustian for St. Joseph.

-During this time we discussed what can be done to bring people back to the church. Many thoughts and ideas were discussed.

Faith Formation Program Report:

Miriam was unable to attend the meeting and Monsignor read from her notes. Amber Przybys is the new PK-5 Children's Faith Formation Coordinator. Classes for PK-5 begin on Sept. 21st and 6-12 begins on Sept. 24th. Upcoming events are Sept. 29th in Heron Lake, Jason Everet on chastity. Deanery middle school youth festival on Oct. 26th. Adult Faith Formation possibilities for this year are Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Oremus-Let Us Pray and The Catholicism Study Program.

Noah's Ark Preschool Report:

Preschool program has begun with six three year olds and 13 five year olds.

Spanish Ministry Report:

The report was given by Miguel. We continue to have more Hispanic families coming to town and to the Church. Miguel sees the same issues of people not attending Mass regularly. Miguel would like to have the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at the 10am Mass on Dec. 12th.

Financial Reports:

St. Martin report from Rosann. The new roof is in progress and they will be in need of new furnaces. St. Martin has their fall dinner coming up.

No report from St. Leo or St. Joseph.

Other:

A few questions from parishioners were brought to the council's attention. The first was "why is the curtain closed to hide the Tabernacle at St. Leo"? According to Monsignor, part is tradition but also because the Eucharist is to be the center of attention during Mass, not the Tabernacle. The next question was "why do we not turn the song board during funerals to avoid confusion"? Monsignor said it can be taken down. The last question was "why is the large Crucifix in the Good Sheppard Room not in the Church"? One reason, it does not fit with the design of the church. Also, there is to be one main Crucifix in the Church and for St. Leo it is the small black one.

Next meeting is November 18th at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Mike Stiles