

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster Pastoral Council Minutes – Thursday, January 28, 2016

Present: Bonnie Patrick & Chris Grapes from Holy Name, Mary Hemeseth & Damien Matt from St. Peter's, Dee Youngblut from Immaculate Conception, Scot Michelson & Kurt Wood from St. Francis, Cindy Jacob, recorder & Fr. Jim.

Absent: Jerad Trainor & Dave Hennessey from Immaculate Conception.

I. Prayer – Fr. Jim opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a Hail Mary.

II. Approval of the agenda – Bonnie Patrick motioned to approve the agenda and seconded by Mary Hemeseth. Motioned carried.

III. Approval of the Minutes: Kurt Wood motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Dee Youngblut. Motion carried.

IV. Finance Report: Fr. reported that everything was well on track and explained that Health Insurance for Fr. Rausch & Fr. Brokman is to be paid in February in an amount of \$19,000 that is billed to the Cluster once a year. He also reported that \$2,500 belongs to NCYC. Bonnie Patrick motioned to approve the Finance Report and seconded by Scot Michelson. Motion carried.

V. Faith Formation Commission Report: Fr. Jim reported that the First Eucharist had a good turn out and that 14 of the 16 students attended. He also reported that more parents came to First Reconciliation with the students. Faith Formation Leader Evaluation was explained by Fr. There was a discussion about the Protection of the Children and told that there is a mini classroom lecture and that a different age group is focused on each year. Catechist are required to attend an on-line in-service and must have a background check. First Communion is set for Sunday, May 1st, 2:00 pm at St. Francis and Confirmation is set for Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 pm also at St. Francis. It was asked about the plans for the Archdiocese having a Youth Rally and Fr. explained that they have talked about having one every other year. Fr. explained how the Cluster wants each parish to have its own identity but bring new ideas to the Cluster. A lot of events are being shared Cluster wide such as First Communion, Confirmation & Prayer & Pasta with each parish sharing the cost of the events. Communal Reconciliation has been set at St. Francis for Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm and for Holy Name Wednesday, February 24th at 2:45 & 7:00 pm. Fr. indicated that he is willing to do Eucharistic Adoration for Immaculate Conception & St. Peter's if desired. The Program Managers will let Fr. know if they want him to hold it for their classes.

VI. Liturgy: Dee Youngblut reported that the Christmas programs all went well. She gave the dates of the upcoming Liturgies that will be taking place. Blessing of the Throats – Dee explained that The Feast of St. Blaise is Wednesday, February 3rd so the blessing could either be done on the Sunday before or after and Fr. decided it would be done the Sunday before the Feast Day, January 31st. Ash Wednesday – Masses will be held at 2:45 & 7:00 pm at Holy Name, and 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception. St. Peter's will have Distribution of Ashes and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm and St. Francis will have Prayer and Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 pm.

VII. Social Justice – Fr. brought up the idea about a bus trip during Lent to go to Dubuque to see the cathedral, go to confession, and then on to Dyersville. He thought it would be a good idea to charter a

bus out of Decorah, leave around 12:30 pm, and have dinner somewhere on the way home and returning around 9:00 pm. He asked what the council thought of the idea and everyone thought it was a great idea. Fr. thought the cost would be in the range of \$30 per person for the trip and that everyone would be responsible for their dinner cost. He said he was looking at the date of Sunday, March 13th for the trip. There was a discussion of the Archdiocese designating one week for each of the Works of Mercy. Scot Michelson thought that it would be nice for each parish to take one of them and promote them at the Finance Council Meetings and the 2 left over being done as a Cluster.

IIX. Old Business:

A. Fr. Jim's Evaluation – Fr. Jim reported that he and Chris Grapes will be getting together soon to get all the data entered and move forward.

B. Year of the Mercy – Discussed with the Social Justice.

XII. New Business:

A. Cluster Mission - Chris Grapes reported that St. Joseph the Worker Cluster will have a Lenten Mission Sunday, February 28th at Holy Name Parish at 2:00 pm. Agnus Dei Ministry will present a Musical Journey With Christ where they share the story of the life of Jesus through inspirational music and narration with emphasis on the Passion. She also told that a small group of the musicians will sing at the 10:00 am Mass. Chris said that committee of 9 has been set up and things are underway to make this mission a great success. She told that there will be ushers and greeters at the mission and that a group will also be feeding the musicians at lunch time that sing during the Mass. She feels that they need to get an earlier start on things and do a better job of advertising and getting the word out so there is a larger turn out than in the past. Chris also asked Fr. if the priests could promote the mission from the pulpit. Chris also reported that there will be a reception in the hall following the Mission.

B. Dean's Visit – Fr. Jim reported that Fr. Phil Gibbs, the new Dean, made a visit to Holy Name of Monday, January 25th. He checked to make sure all of the records of Baptisms, Deaths, First Communion and etc. were recorded.

C. Parish Election – Fr. asked every council member to make sure that the Parish Election is put on each parish Finance Council Agenda for their next council meeting taking place in February. He explained the importance of knowing who's terms are about to expire.

D. Parish Budget – Fr. explained that the budget for the Cluster is set in April by the Executives of the Cluster Finance Committee. Once the budget has been set it is taken to Finance Council from each parish and asked for approval. Once the budget has been approved by each parish Finance Council the budget is accepted.

E. Other – Chris Grapes asked that the minutes of the council meetings be put in the bulletin as well as on the Cluster website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a Hail Mary. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception.