

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's, Clermont

Present: Fr. Komboh, Dave Teeling & Valarie Warnke (IC); Kurt Wood, Kari Yauk & Mike Yauk (SFA); Bill Bouska & Steve Murray (HN); Damien Matt & Pat Schaefers (SP); Maureen Johnson (SJWC Business Manager) & Cindy Jacob (recorder).

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Komboh led the opening prayer.

II. Introduction of Council Members - Members of the council introduced themselves and what parish they represent.

III. Approval of Agenda – After adding the additional topic of Liturgy Representative to the agenda, Damien Matt motioned to approve the agenda, Kari Yauk seconded the motion, motion carried.

IV. Approval of the Minutes – After correcting a spelling error, Dave Teeling motioned to approve the minutes, Damien Matt seconded the motion, motion carried.

V. Election of Officers – Kurt Wood resigned as chair of the council but will remain on the council focus on work on the Strategic Planning of our Cluster. Gary Brownell of St. Francis of Assisi has agreed to step up from an alternate representative to a full-time representative. Kurt Wood nominated Damien Matt of St. Peter as chair of the council. Pat Schaefers motioned for Damien Matt to take over as the chairman with Kari Yauk seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Cluster Financial Report – Maureen Johnson gave the cluster financial report. Maureen presented financial statements different from those used in the past. The council agreed the new statements are much easier to understand and follow. These statements are part of the new software system that Maureen was authorized to purchase. Kurt Wood motioned to approve the financial report, Valerie Warnke seconded the motion, motion carried.

VII. Cluster Committee Reports:

- A. Cluster Liturgy – Maureen Johnson. It was decided to have 1 Mass each Holy Day with the Mass held at St. Francis due to its central location. Each parish will be responsible for sharing in the assisting Ministers for the Cluster Holy Day Masses held at St. Francis. While First Reconciliation will remain at St. Francis, First Communion and Confirmation will continue rotating parishes each year. Damien Matt has agreed to take over as a Liturgy Committee representative since he is already attending the meetings representing St. Peter.
- B. Cluster Faith Formation – Mike Yauk. Mike is stepping down as the Faith Formation chair with Michelle Schaefers taking over the leadership role. Wednesday, September 5th is set to be the first day of the 2018-2019 Religious Education classes. St. Francis is in need of 3 teachers, Holy Name is in need of 2 teachers and Immaculate Conception and St. Peter have all of their teachers in place. Discussion was held about Sacramental Fees. Holy Name and Immaculate Conception have a \$20 sacramental fee. It was agreed that sacramental fees should be applied across the cluster. Kurt Wood motioned to approve sacramental fees of \$20 per sacrament throughout the cluster, Valarie Warnke seconded the motion, motion carried. Sacramental fees will be remitted to the Cluster as the Cluster pays the bills for those sacraments. Mike Yauk reported discussion on buying new texts books “Finding God” for the 2018-2019 school year. The books and weekly lessons are geared to classroom times of an hour and very explanatory for all ages. It was left up to the CRE's & DRE's concerning this change. However, Fr. Komboh felt that all 4 parishes should all be on the same program. He requested all 4 parishes purchase the new books and program.
- C. Cluster Social Justice – Discussion was held concerning the newly established Cluster Social Justice Committee with Lois McElvania elected as the chair. A Social Justice event took place in Waukon in June

which two Cluster representatives attended. The committee will continue organizing a vision and what projects they are going to be involved in.

Maureen Johnson explained to the council that minutes from the different meetings will no longer be printed and put in the bulletins. Minutes will be posted to the cluster website and some paper copies printed for the entrances of the different churches for anyone wishing a paper copy.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Welcoming Brochure – Kari Yauk gave an update on the new welcoming brochure that she has been working on. Kari would like the brochure to invite people to be involved and participate in what our cluster has to offer. Kari has a few details that need to be written describing what our different organizations offer and a welcoming letter from Fr. Komboh and the brochure will be ready for print. Kari Yauk will present one final copy via e-mail to the council once it is completed for approval by the council. The brochure will then be printed. Kurt Wood motioned to approve the printing with the editing plan, Pat Schaefer seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Strategic Planning – Kurt Wood explained the strategic planning that he has been working. Kurt has been working with Sister Fangman from the Archdiocese getting everything in motion. A survey is being developed that will be sent out in late August to the Cluster parishioners. Once we know what the needs of our parishioners are, and what we can do for our parishioners the direction we go will be determined.

IX. New Business:

- A. Confirming September 1st Mass Rotations – A proposal was discussed to change the upcoming Saturday Mass times to 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception and 6:00 p.m. at Holy Name due to concerns with winter weather/driving conditions. Valarie Warnke motioned to change the Saturday evening Mass times 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception and 6:00 p.m. at Holy Name. Kari Yauk seconded the motion, motion carried.

X. Pastor's Comment – Fr. Komboh asked for feedback on the Cluster Mission held at St. Francis of Assisi. Kurt Wood commented that there was good attendance and has personally had some very positive feedback from different individuals attending the mission. The mission was said to have attracted between 100-175 individuals each night with individuals attending from different communities and parishes/churches. The session the first and second night lasted about 1 hour with the 3rd session about 1-½ hour due to anointing of the sick being offered. Other comments were made that the mission was well worth the time and everyone enjoyed themselves, getting a lot out of the mission. There was also discussion of having future missions an extra day with the possibility of having a bible study following the mission. The mission brought great fellowship after each session. Everyone who participated was in favor of continuing sponsoring future missions.

A women's retreat, men's retreat as well as a youth retreat were also suggested. These suggestions will be taken back to the Liturgy Committee for consideration.

XI. Closing Prayer – Fr. Komboh led the closing prayer with a Hail Mary.

Kurt Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Bouska seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25th, 7:00 pm at Holy Name, West Union.