

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018 – Holy Name Parish Center, West Union

Present: Fr. Komboh, Deacon Michal Schemmel, Gary Brownell & Kari Yauk of St. Francis of Assisi; Dave Teeling & Tom Yungtum of Immaculate Conception; Damien Matt & Pat Schaefers of St. Peter; Steve Murray of Holy Name; Maureen Johnson, SJWC Business Manager; Cindy Jacob, Recorder; Lois McElvania SJWC Social Justice Chair & Michelle Schaefers SJWC Faith Formation Chair.

Absent: Bill Bouska of Holy Name and Kurt Wood of St. Francis of Assisi.

I. Prayer: Fr. Komboh led the opening prayer.

II. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Tom Yungtum, seconded by Kari Yauk, motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Pat Schaefers, seconded by Dave Teeling, motion carried.

IV. Cluster Financial Report: Maureen Johnson gave the financial report and answered any questions. Tom Yungtum motioned to approve the report, Kari Yauk seconded the motion, motion carried.

V. Cluster Committee Reports:

A. Liturgy Committee: Maureen Johnson reporting. Discussion Points: Fr. Komboh will be away from Tuesday, Oct. 23rd through Tuesday, Nov. 27th, Fr. Dan Knipper will be covering priest duties during his absence. Fr. Knipper will also be the emergency contact priest. The Mass of Remembrance will be Oct 27th at Holy Name, 10:30 am; All Souls Day Nov. 1st Mass at St. Francis, Fayette, 7:00 pm; Thanksgiving Mass at St. Francis, Fayette at 9:00 a.m.; Christmas Masses - 2 Christmas Eve and 2 Christmas Day. Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm at IC and 7:00 pm at HN; Christmas Day: 8:00 am at SP, 10:00 am at SFA.

B. Faith Formation Council: Michelle Schaefers reporting. Discussion points: new textbooks for the 2018-2019 school year; the Youth Rally held at St. Francis of Assisi; preparation for upcoming sacraments; the next NCYC trip in the Fall of 2019.

C. Cluster Social Justice Committee: Lois McElvania reporting. Karen Martin from the Fayette County Food Shelf was at their last meeting. The work Karen does for the Food Shelf is impressive. The School Supply Drive went well in all parishes. Christmas activities will remain the same in each parish as in the past. Lois asked about funding for the Cluster Social Justice. Fr. Komboh said that each parish will support the Social Justice Committee's work.

VI. Old Business:

A. Welcoming Brochure: Kari Yauk reported that the brochure is ready for printing. Pat Schaefers motioned to print 415 brochures, Gary Brownell seconded, motion carried.

B. Strategic Planning: Damien Matt reporting due to the absence of Kurt Wood. Kurt will visit each parish Mass the weekend of October 28th & 29th explaining the plan. The survey will be mailed to each parishioner on October 29th and available on-line through November 18th.

Postage paid envelopes will be sent in the mailing for return to the Archdiocese for tabulation. Kari Yauk motioned to move forward with the Strategic Planning, Steve Murray seconded, motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- A. Bank Account Signers: Discussion about account signatories for the Cluster. Tom Yungtum and Deanna Joebgen are current signatories since bookkeeping had been done in the office at IC. With the Cluster office now located at HN, it makes sense to change this. Tom Yungtum motioned to name the chairperson of the Cluster Pastoral Council as an account signatory when the Cluster pastor is unavailable. Dave Teeling seconded, motion carried. Damien Matt as current Chair of the Cluster Pastoral Council will be a new signatory for the Cluster Checking Account.
- B. Meeting Schedule: Discussion on the possible need for more Pastoral Council meetings. It is a concern that an item tabled will not be readdressed for 3 months. It was concluded that changing the meeting frequency would involve amending the bi-laws and if another meeting were necessary a special meeting could be called.
- C. Cluster vs. Parish Mentality: Discussion concluded that attitudes are improving from a year ago and we are making progress. People are getting accustomed to the idea of Mass rotations. There has been talk that once through a complete rotation the times would flip the next time through. When the rotation was sent up that was **NOT** the intention of the council. The need to keep the rotation simple is important so there are **no** plans to flip times. Discussion of changing our mission statement since we must be looking at our Cluster as a whole. A reminder should be in the bulletin reminding parishioners that the use of their envelopes is extremely important, the contribution will be forwarded to your home parish no matter where you attend Mass inside the Cluster or outside of the Cluster.

VIII. Pastor's Comment: We must remain aware that it is impossible to ever go back to the way things were done in the past. Everyone needs to think and work as a Cluster and Fr. Donald feels that parishioners are doing well with all of the changes made in the past year. He asked "What can we do to make our parishes and Liturgy better and getting more people involved." We all need to start to think outside the box. He encouraged the council to bring in more speakers for our youth and for adult members of the Cluster. During his absence, Fr. Don asked everyone to pray the St. Raphael prayer every day.

IX. Closing Prayer: Deacon Michal led the closing prayer.

Pat Schaefer's motion to adjourn the meeting, Kari Yauk seconded, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24th, 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.