

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 24, 2019

Present: Damien Matt & Pat Schaefers of St. Peter; Kari Yauk & Kurt Wood of St. Francis of Assisi; Tom Yungtum of Immaculate Conception; Bill Bouska of Holy Name; Michelle Schaefers, Cluster Faith Formation Chair, Fr. Komboh, Maureen Johnson, SJWC Business Manager & Cindy Jacob, recorder.

Absent: Steve Murray, Holy Name; Dave Teeling, Immaculate Conception; Gary Brownell, St. Francis of Assisi.

I. Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Fr. Komboh.

II. Approval of Agenda: Bill Bouska motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Yungtum, motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes: Tom Yungtum motioned to approve, seconded by Pat Schaefers, motion carried.

IV. Cluster Financial Report: Financial report given by Maureen Johnson. Bill Bouska motioned to approve the report, seconded by Kari Yauk, motion carried.

V. Cluster Committee Reports

- A. Cluster Liturgy Committee Report: Maureen Johnson Reporting. Ash Wednesday will have the same schedule as last year with St. Francis having a Cluster evening Mass at 7:00 pm. Immaculate Conception and Holy Name will have Word & Communion Services with Ashes; St. Peter will have a Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes. Throughout Lent St. Peter will have Thursday evening Mass with Stations of the Cross followed by a soup supper. Fr. Lechtenberg will celebrate Mass on Easter Sunday, 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's. The Cluster Retreat is the responsibility of St. Peter's this year. Damien Matt reported they will begin finding a speaker for the retreat with the help of Fr. Komboh. Bill Bouska motioned to approve the Liturgy minutes, Tom Yungtum seconded, motion carried.
- B. Cluster Faith Formation: Michelle Schaefers reporting. Important dates and upcoming events are as follows:
- January 27th during 10:00 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi the Confirmation Rite of Enrollment.
 - February 17th, 4:30 pm Prayer & Pasta at Holy Name for Confirmation.
 - February 24th, 4:30 pm Intro Parent Meeting at Holy Name for First Communion.
 - April 7th, 4:30 pm Saints & Subs at Holy Name for Confirmation.
 - April 13th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Retreat at St. Peter for 1st Communion.
 - April 28th, 2:00 pm 1st Communion at St. Peter.
 - May 5th, May Crowning at individual parishes.
 - NCYC November 21st – 23rd, 2019.

Stations of the cross will take place at each parish during lent. Discussion was had about having a retreat for 7th – 12th, graders next year. CRE's were asked to bring additional information to the next meeting on March 19th and there will be further discussion. Kathy Wenthold of Holy Name will teach a 5 session Adult Faith Formation during Lent on "Biblical Walk Through the Mass".

Pat Schaefers motioned to approve the Faith Formation minutes, Bill Bouska seconded, motion carried.

- C. Cluster Social Justice Committee: Maureen Johnson reporting. It was Food Shelf Weekend at all four cluster parishes the weekend of January 19th & 20th with good response. Vision Statement and Mission Statement were both approved at their last meeting. Tom Yungtum motioned to approve the Social Justice minutes, Kari Yauk seconded, motion carried.

VI. New Business

- A. NCYC Short Term Loan: Pam Rochford informed the Council that NCYC was in need of a short term loan due to accelerated Archdiocesan payment dates. Pam is expecting to have 35 students in the Cluster attending the national convention in November of 2019 and the first payment to the Archdiocese of \$100 per student is coming due in February. The NCYC Exchange Account doesn't have enough money to cover the entire payment. The total cost per participant is \$575. Fund raising is beginning so the loan would only be for a short period. Bill Bouska motioned to approve a \$1,500 loan to NCYC, seconded by Kari Yauk, motion carried.
- B. Survey Results: Kurt Wood reported that 160 surveys were received out of a possibility of 1,050 for parishioners 15 and older. This is in line with average response rates for this type of survey. Average is between 10 – 15% and the Cluster survey had a response rate of 15.2%, slightly higher than average. Discussed getting focus groups set up with young parishioners (youth); the need to get young families involved in Cluster parishes. Faith Formation, music and Mass were 3 areas of focus.
- C. Special Meeting in February (SWOT Analysis): Damien Matt asked the Council to consider having a special meeting in February to begin working on the SWOT Analysis. After discussion a special 90-minute structured meeting has been set for February 19th at Immaculate Conception in Sumner. The meeting will run from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The Council discussed changing the Cluster mission and vision statement to better reflect what we are doing as a cluster but no final decision was reached. Changing the mission statement and vision statement was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.
- D. Mass Times: After discussion the Council made the decision to leave the Mass schedule the way it is, feeling that parishioners are mostly settled in with the present schedule.

VII. Pastors Comment: Fr. Komboh said that he is grateful for all the Pastoral Council has done. He would like to see action to begin finding someone to do the retreat; would like people to think of how we can get parishioners involved no matter what age group. He told the Council that the survey has told us what the people want now we need to get things started.

VIII. Closing Prayer: Father Komboh led the Glory Be and prayer for Bill Bouska's mother who is distressed due to 2 children Kenny & Terry suffering with cancer.

Bill Bouska motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, Kari Yauk seconded, motion carried.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm in the Religious Education Building at Immaculate Conception, Sumner.