

Catholic Church Communities - Pastoral Council 10.18.17 Minutes

The four parish councils met on Wednesday, October, 18, 2017 at 7:30pm at St. Teresa in Westphalia in the church basement. Attendees included from *St. Francis*: GERALYN Krause; from *St. Joseph*: Terry Arb, Liz Collin, Jackie Klenda, John Lichtenauer, Kevin Thimmesh; from *St. Patrick*: Mike Engelken, Glen Gagnon, Joan Gagnon, Alice Lickteig; from *St. Teresa*: Margie Highberger; and Fr. Quentin Schmitz.

Father prayed a *Blessing of a Parish Council* to open the meeting.

Father began by referencing Recommendation 1 from 2011 study: **Continue to improve communication and coordination between the parishes. The utilization of the four parish stewardship committee is a meaningful way to do this. This stewardship committee may develop into an area or cluster pastoral council made up of members from individual parish councils. The area or cluster council should be engaged in visioning, ministry planning and matters of strategic significance to make the best use of financial and human resources, coordinate ministry, eliminate duplication, and make parish programs and services available for all Catholics yet under the care of one priest.**

Father asked what the stewardship council like prior to the study. Of those present, Margie was the only one who had been part of the council. She mentioned they had been taught a lot about stewardship.

Father proceeded to emphasize the goals of the Archbishop per several handouts and publications should be the focus of each of the councils individually and collectively.

- a. Look at the *Archbishop's Five Pastoral Priorities* and see what other opportunities there are for us to work together to fulfill these opportunities. Take these to prayer and generate ideas.
- b. He focuses on one per year...
 - i. Year of Mercy
 1. Hosted Prayer & Action (bridge with diocese)
 2. Pair with another parish - possibly pair with St. Catherine's in Emporia (financially)
 - ii. Joyful Marriage Project
 1. Teams of Our Lady - a prayer group in rural communities for marriage couples (Holy Angels in Garnett)
 2. Open to ideas for Live in Love, retreat to host within a parish,
 - iii. Build a Culture of Evangelization

Signs of Parish Vitality (Found in Southern Region Report)

- Read the Mission of the Archdiocese
- Do we have a mission for each of our parishes?

Father will send a lot of this out digitally to cut back on making copies.

Considering scheduling Holy Days of Obligation, especially Christmas & Easter. Father is open to input.

- Christmas Mass schedule is the same as a weekend schedule less St. Patrick's Mass is 30 minutes later.
 - 5:00pm St. Teresa
 - 7:00pm St. Patrick
 - 8:30am St. Joseph
 - 10:30am St. Francis

Father also hopes for the councils to help communication between the parishes.

There is going to be a day event for DREs and CCD teachers to share ideas, bring in a person from diocese.

Father opened the floor to other comments:

- Common announcements; possible to email Father (Joan)
 - Burlington & Westphalia - all are emailed to Angela, printed out and the lector reads them
 - Goal is to do something similar for Emerald and Waverly
- Bookkeeping (Glen)
 - Father would like to hire another person in the office for multiple reasons; one for answering phones, one for bookkeeping (QuickBooks), Virtus training
 - potentially 20 hours/week to start, but probably only 10-15 hours/week in the long term; assist in Faith Formation coordination; communication
 - Angela only works ~ 25 hrs/week, is currently only paid by Burlington
- Goal - get parishioners together, not only the parish councils
- Invite Sebastian to come to present on Evangelization within the four parishes (School of Faith), same presentation given at Grant Opportunity event this fall
- Have a parish Mission? When was the last time one was had?
- Communication - Announcements, Bulletin, Flocknote, Website (some people do not have the internet) --
 - Google Calendar - give access to one person from each parish; print off occasionally and post in the church
- Father's Open House - will do that again

Where do we go from here?

- **Emphasis on marriage**
 - Everyday in Love: 1. Smart Loving, 2. The Passionate Couple, 3. Talking with Purpose 4. Living the Dream
 - Host one at each of the four locations; offer babysitting; during the winter
 - Get a feeler of interest, need of babysitting (attend one or all four)
 - Plan now - end on Valentine's Day; finish with a nice dinner
 - Send out a postcard to all the married couples
 - Margie Highberger, Joan Gagnon, (Marge will find out when they are available to come)
 - Any volunteers from outside the council...
 - The Choice Wine: Nine, two hour sessions (go with the other option)

Upcoming Events

- October 21 - Oktoberfest at St. Patrick
- October 22 - Hayrack Ride and Pumpkins at St. Joseph
- October 28 - Trunk or Treat, Taco feed and t-shirt sales at St. Teresa
- December 9/10 - Christmas Program at St. Patrick by St. Joseph CCD kids
- December 16 - Christmas Program at St. Teresa
- March 11 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Introductions - who is who

Glory Be to close

<https://www.archkck.org/file/visioning-process/Archbishop-Naumanns-Pastoral-Goals-2005.pdf>

<https://www.archkck.org/file/archbishop-naumann/Vision-2015-FINAL-Aug-2015-revised.pdf>

<https://www.archkck.org/pastoralplanning>