

**QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 01/27/2015**

November 25, 2014

Annunciation Adult Faith Formation Room #105 – Annunciation Parish, 7:00 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Diane Engels Jane Giese Chris Kust	Betty Staeven Joann Vaile
ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Sue Adler Mary Brooks Kathy LaLuzerne	Betty Mailhiot Marlene Smith
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Clay Aumann Rheda Jelen Martin Kyles	John St. Andre Susan Straubel
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Nancy Cornwell Mary Ann Daniel	Ann Hanchek Mary Simonis
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Donald Everts	

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Father Don and opened with a prayer led by Martin Kyles.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of October 28, 2014 were reviewed and approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

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<b>COMMISSION REPORTS:</b>	<p>In addition to the written commission reports that were distributed with the meeting agenda, the St. Jude Parish representatives were asked to give updates on any additional information from the commissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Life Commission –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Items Needing Council Approval: None.</li> <li>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Community Life Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. Commission members will be providing a meal at the St. John the Evangelist Shelter on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: None.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Faith Formation Commission –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Items Needing Council Approval: None.</li> <li>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Faith Formation Commission reports that were distributed with the meeting agenda. A very successful new feature prior to the Wednesday night religious education classes is a supper prior to the start of the classes. There is no cost for the meals although there is a jar for free will donations. The parents like it because it is easier to manage the after-school routines and still get the children to class on time. It has also been a great opportunity for Mike Casey, the new middle school and young adult program coordinator, to meet all of the parents,</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>build relationships and promote the middle school and young adult programs.</p> <p>3. Other Commission Information: Council members questioned the content of the survey that originated from the Vatican and was shared by Sister Pat at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation Commission meeting. This survey was not distributed to parishioners in the Green Bay Diocese, although it was distributed in some dioceses throughout the United States. Council members who did review the survey commented on the complicated content and believe it would have been difficult to complete. The survey is no longer available for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Concerns Commission –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Items Needing Council Approval: None.</li> <li>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: The reverse collection slips for food donations for St. Patrick’s Food Pantry were distributed at the weekend Masses of November 22-23. (There was a miscommunication about the reverse collection at St. Patrick Parish so the slips were not given out during the Saturday Mass.) The Jesse Trees will be set up at each church for the Advent outreach project. Items collected at Annunciation and St. Patrick Parishes will be donated to Freedom House, items collected at St. Jude Parish will be donated to the NEW Community Shelter, and items collected at St. Joseph Parish will be donated to the St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: Council members questioned the status of fund raising to buy the Fox Community Savings building. A team is being assembled to solicit donations. These requests will be directed toward Green Bay community members rather than just the Quad-Parish parishioners. Council members suggested putting inserts in the bulletin that share stories of individuals and families who rely on the services provided by St. Patrick’s Food Pantry and the Love Life Ministry. Putting a face to the need can send a very powerful message about the challenging social situations in our area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Stewardship/Evangelization Commission –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Items Needing Council Approval: None.</li> <li>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Stewardship/Evangelization Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. The postcards with the Christmas service schedule are being printed. The postcards should be in the mail by mid-December.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: Council members discussed the parish meetings. The minutes from each meeting were placed in the bulletins of the respective parishes. A question was raised about whether there was an agenda for each meeting. Progress and issues specific to each parish are covered in a letter that is sent out from Father Don and much of the meeting is intended to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>and give feedback, but another alternative might be to put this information in each parish's annual report as well. On another note, council members commented on opportunities to reach out to fellow parishioners at Mass with small gestures, such as sitting in the area set aside for wheelchairs so the people in the wheelchairs feel part of the congregation and not isolated by location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Commission –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Items Needing Council Approval: None.</li> <li>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Worship Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. Advent begins with the weekend services.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: None.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• GRACE – Father Dane Radecki is resigning from his position as GRACE President effective in June. A nationwide search is underway to recruit his replacement but he leaves behind a good foundation to move the GRACE program forward.</li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>HOLY HOUR:</p>	<p>Bishop Ricken sent out a letter describing a two year program entitled the Foundation of Prayer. This program includes a directive to all parishes to offer a Holy Hour once a month. Typically this would be the second Thursday of each month but, during Advent and Lent, the Quad-Parishes will be offering a Holy Hour once a week. Holy Hour will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Annunciation Parish. Reconciliation will also be available. A prayer leader will conduct the Holy Hour service. Parishioners are encouraged to attend at least one Holy Hour during Advent. During Lent, they will be asked to participate in Stations of the Cross.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>MARDI GRAS:</p>	<p>The Mardi Gras raffle tickets are back from the printer. Laurie Verheyden has some tickets available if anyone wishes to give them as Christmas presents. Otherwise, the tickets will be mailed out to all parish households after the first of the year.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS:</b></p>	<p>Council members inquired how Monsignor Klister is doing. He continues to reside at the rectory and Father Don gave a brief update on his health status.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 27th.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder