

**QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 02/24/2015**

January 27, 2015

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

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Donna Bouressa Diane Engels Jane Giese Jackie Krajewski	Chris Kust Betty Staeven Joann Vaile
ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Sue Adler Mary Brooks Kathy LaLuzerne	Betty Mailhiot Lynn Mincheski Marlene Smith
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Clay Aumann Patrick Costello Rheda Jelen	Terry Pasterski John St. Andre
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Nancy Cornwell Mary Ann Daniel Mary Simonis	Susan Wirtala Carolynne Younk Sharon Zakowski
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Donald Everts	

<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	The meeting was called to order by Father Don and opened with a prayer led by Jane Giese.
<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:</b>	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of November 25, 2014 were reviewed and approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with the following additions under NEW BUSINESS: Mission Statements, “Teach My People to Pray,” and Father Bill Rickert’s Anniversary.

<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>REPORT/DISCUSSION:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<b>COMMISSION REPORTS:</b>	<p>In addition to the written commission reports that were distributed with the meeting agenda, the Annunciation 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. There was no commission meeting in December because the group was serving a meal at the St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter.</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: a) Starting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, a monthly play date for children will be held between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses at Annunciation Parish. b) Father Willie VandeLoo will be presenting the Parish Mission, which is scheduled for February 23-25. The theme is “Listening to Jesus.” c) The Faith Formation Commission is sponsoring an Intergenerational Night on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The theme for this session is “Who do you say I am?” All of the Religious Education classes will be participating and adult parishioners are also asked to attend and join in the small group discussions. Council members were especially urged to come to this event and perhaps agree to be a small</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>group leader. A meal will be available prior to the start of the program, from 4:45-5:15 p.m. The planning team developed a very creative and enlightening program and all are strongly encouraged to take part in the discussions.</p> <p>3. Other Commission Information: None.</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: Council members were directed to the Social Concerns Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. Thanks were extended to all who contributed items from the Jesse Trees. An attorney who specializes in immigration law will be giving a presentation in Room 105 at Annunciation Parish on February 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: None.</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: The Stewardship/ Evangelization Commission held an emergency meeting to discuss design of a flyer that will outline all of the events and services occurring during the Lenten and Easter season at the Quad-Parishes, including the Fish Fries and Mardi Gras as well as the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Week services. This flyer will be mailed out instead of the postcards and, in addition to sending the flyers to parish members, this information will also be mailed to all households in the neighborhoods targeted for the door hanger project (approximately 2000 mailings). The commission is working with a graphic artist with the intent of designing the document so it appeals to the younger population and hopefully attracts individuals who have not been attending church but see an activity that is of interest and in which they might wish to participate. The plan is to have the mailing completed prior to Ash Wednesday.</li> <li>3. Other Commission Information: None.</li> </ol> </li> <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. During Lent, Holy Hour will occur on the second Thursday of March and April. There will be both morning and evening services. Stations of the Cross will occur on the other weeks. These services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The location will rotate through each of the four churches. A family theme will be tied into each week to consider the perspective of the Stations as a parent, a sibling, etc.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>3. Other Commission Information: None.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRACE – A brochure created as a new marketing tool was distributed for council members to review. Father Dane Radecki is leaving his position as GRACE President effective in June and recruitment is underway to find his replacement. Catholic Schools Week is January 25-31, 2015 and the GRACE schools are sponsoring open houses.</li> </ul>	<p>No council action required.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b>HOLY HOUR:</b></p> <p><b>INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES:</b></p> <p><b>MISSION STATEMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>“TEACH MY PEOPLE TO PRAY”:</b></p> <p><b>FATHER BILL RICKERT’S ANNIVERSARY:</b></p>	<p>Council members offered feedback on the recent Holy Hour services. Attendance was good, with approximately 50-75 people at each Holy Hour. The meditations offered at the services were well done and the Holy Hours were viewed as very prayerful experiences. The only suggestion offered as an opportunity for improvement was to be clearer that reconciliation is available throughout the service. Some participants indicated a desire to receive reconciliation but thought it was not available during the Holy Hour.</p> <p>In the near future, each commission will be asked to conduct a review of the goals and activities of its group, i.e. to identify what should be stopped, what should be started, and what should continue. The Pastoral Staff will be asked to participate in the same type of exercise. This type of thoughtful consideration can be a very powerful and prayerful experience.</p> <p>The current mission statements from each parish were distributed to the council members for review. Each parish council will be asked at its next meeting to discuss whether the mission statement still reflects who and what the parish is and if the statement needs to be revised.</p> <p>A renewal in prayer life is a focus of Bishop Ricken’s over the next few years. Father Don distributed copies of a document that outlines the plans for bringing this focus into people’s daily routines. He asked council members to review the document so they would be aware of this information as programs are introduced into the parishes.</p> <p>Father Bill Rickert will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. A 4:00 p.m. Mass will be held at Annunciation Church followed by a dinner. All are invited to attend.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b>MARDI GRAS:</b></p>	<p>The Mardi Gras raffle tickets were mailed out to all parish households. Tickets will also be available after the Masses in February and can also be purchased at the Faith Formation Center and the Quad-Parish Office. New events are planned for this year’s celebration including a Mardi Gras costume contest. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event. As a reminder, as of this year, the Mardi Gras celebration will always be held on the first Saturday of March. This year’s event is on March 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>

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TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
<b>OTHER BUSINESS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first phase of the St. Jude Church renovation project, installation of new windows, is completed and this phase is paid off. About one-half of the funding for the second phase has been secured and a meeting is scheduled with the diocese on February 4<sup>th</sup> to get approval to move forward with phase 2. The second phase involves asbestos abatement and installation of new flooring and pews. This phase is slated to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will require closure of the building. During this phase, the morning Mass usually scheduled at St. Jude Church and the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will be held at Annunciation Church. The 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church. All of the liturgical ministers will be from St. Jude Parish; the only change during this phase is the location of the Mass.</li> <li>• The St. Jude Parish Council members were asked to review a fundraising proposal for raising money to put toward purchase of a new organ for St. Jude Church. This project involves a kick-off picnic and placement of a dumpster in the parking lot of the church to collect recyclables. The dumpster will remain in the parking lot for a period of time and, after it is picked up, proceeds from the items collected are given to the parish will be contributed toward the organ fund. <b>The St. Jude Parish Council members agreed by consensus to support this project.</b></li> </ul>	Informational; no council action required.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 24th.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder