

QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 9/15/2015

August 18, 2015

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

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: Donna Bouressa Jackie Krajewski
 Diane Engels Chris Kust
 Jane Giese Betty Staeven

ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: Sue Adler Lynn Mincheski
 Mary Brooks Marlene Smith
 Betty Mailhiot

ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: Clay Aumann Rheda Jelen
 Patrick Costello Terry Pasternski
 Martin Kyles

ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES: Nancy Cornwell Susan Wirtala
 Mary Ann Daniel Carolynne Younk
 Ann Hanchek Sharon Zakowski
 Mary Simonis

PASTORAL STAFF: Father Donald Everts Father Ryan Starks

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Father Don who opened the meeting with a prayer led by Patrick Costello.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of June 23, 2015 were reviewed and approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with the following addition under OLD BUSINESS: Pantry.

TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
COMMISSION REPORTS:	<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"> • Community Life Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: None. 3. Other Commission Information: The Community Life Commission has not met since the last Pastoral Council meeting. The commission is being restructured. More information about this change is discussed below under OLD BUSINESS. • Faith Formation Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Faith Formation Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. The kick-off for the 2015-2016 Religious Education program will begin with the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on September 20th followed by a gathering in the lower level of the church for students and parents for an introduction into the program. 3. Other Commission Information: None. 	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Concerns Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Social Concerns Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. The commission is planning an educational session on human trafficking that would be focused toward high school students and their parents. All west side churches would be invited to attend. A similar type of program was previously presented in Appleton and the commission is contacting the planners from that session to obtain tips for making this a successful offering. 3. Other Commission Information: None. • Stewardship/Evangelization Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Stewardship/Evangelization Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. 3. Other Commission Information: None. • Worship Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Worship Commission report that was distributed with the meeting agenda. A Living Rosary is planned for October 8th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. The recommissioning of St. Jude Church by Bishop Ricken will be held on October 11th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. 3. Other Commission Information: None. • GRACE – Student registration in GRACE schools for kindergarten through eighth grade is up 4% from last year and early childhood registrations have increase by 22%. Kim Desotell, the new President, was present at the last GRACE meeting and is a very dynamic individual with many ideas for continuing education. 	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS:</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT:</p>	<p>Discussion continued on creation of a new Quad-Parish vision statement. With the intent to use this statement to draw more people to our parishes, and particularly younger adults, a group of individuals from the Young Adult Ministry were asked to review the proposed statement suggested at last month’s Pastoral Council meeting and share their feedback. They agreed the statement was a good starting point but felt additional verbiage was needed to make the statement more engaging. After reviewing the comments from the four parish councils in working on developing individual mission statements, the Young Adult Group identified several common themes and offered ideas for statements built off of these themes. These suggestions were reviewed and discussed at length by the Quad-Parish Pastoral</p>	<p>The Quad-Parish Pastoral Council requests the group that assisted in advising the council on a new Quad-Parish Vision Statement to review the following proposal from the Quad-Parish Pastoral Council and provide additional feedback: “Find Home, Hope and Holiness.”</p>

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	<p>Council. At the conclusion of this discussion, the council agreed the opening statement should be “Find Home, Hope and Holiness.” Currently, there is a statement printed at the top of each weekly bulletin under the date that states “We are four unique Catholic Communities that share resources to become stronger and better serve and build the Kingdom of God.” This statement would be updated to reflect the new vision and, after reviewing the suggestions from the young adults, the Quad-Parish Pastoral Council made some modifications and proposed this statement: “We are a family of believers from four unique Catholic parishes providing home through community, hope in the living presence of Christ, and holiness witnessed to the world.” The Quad-Parish Pastoral Council acknowledges this statement may need some additional modifications to better reflect the intent, and so will again ask the young adults to review this statement and share their comments.</p>	<p>“We are a family of believers from four unique Catholic parishes providing home through community, hope in the living presence of Christ, and holiness witnessed to the world.”</p>
<p>ST. JUDE CHURCH AND CONVENT RENOVATIONS :</p>	<p>The St. Jude Church renovations are completed and the updated church looks even better than the renderings displayed when the project was first proposed. Parishioners expressed their thanks to Father Don for pushing forward with this project and accomplishing the beautiful end result.</p> <p>The young adult center housed in the former St. Jude Convent has been named the Upper Room Ministry Center. Three major sources of donated funds allowed the center to be repurposed to create rooms for 8-12 women on the second floor as well as rooms for 4-5 men on the first floor, to update bathroom and shower facilities and common kitchen and living room areas, and to renovate the lower level. The area that was once the chapel is now a meeting room and programming area. A woman will be living in the center who will oversee and supervise the housing program. The residents do not need to be Catholic to rent a room, but the center focuses toward a Catholic faith-based ministry and encourages being a witness to the wider community. Bishop Ricken will also be blessing the center when he recommissions St. Jude Church. An open house will be held in autumn, but the date has not yet been determined.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p>FOLLOW-UP ON COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION:</p>	<p>As mentioned previously in this meeting, the Community Life Commission will have two new pastoral staff leaders due to Sister Toni’s retirement. The commission will be restructured to align with the focus on hospitality. Father Don will be meeting with the two women that will be leading this ministry to discuss the new direction of the commission. The commission will probably have two meetings in September, the first being an introductory session that Father Don will attend to explain the new vision for this ministry, and then another meeting for the commission to begin planning its work and activities for the upcoming year.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p>PANTRY UPDATE:</p>	<p>The group working on securing funds for purchase of the new Food Pantry/Love Life building has raised approximately \$115,000, which is almost one-half of the \$245,000 needed. Three major foundations have been approached for donations to secure the remainder of the funds. However, these groups will not be meeting until September. The</p>	

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	members of the fundraising group are confident they will reach the goal.	
NEW BUSINESS: SETTING GOALS BASED ON VISION STATEMENT:	As the vision statement becomes finalized, Quad-Parish Pastoral Council members were encouraged to prepare for new long-term goals. The emphasis of these goals will be on rejuvenating and becoming a more vibrant congregation, refocusing on the Eucharist, and having each new initiative flow from the Sunday Mass out into the community and then celebrating success and achievement by flowing back into the Sunday Mass. As an example, it was noted the reformation of the Community Life Commission will include an emphasis on welcome, using Bishop Robert Morneau's booklet, "Embracing Hospitality," as the model for this program. With the Pastoral Team, one of the initiatives is to be a witness to welcoming, recruiting and training greeters whose goal is to make people entering our parishes feel wanted, welcome and needed. One suggestion from the Pastoral Council that came out of this discussion was to recognize people specific to our community when presenting the Offertory petitions, for example, praying for the people who work and use our Love Life Ministry and Food Pantry, or those who bring communion to the nursing homes and homebound.	Informational; no council action required.
OTHER BUSINESS:	None.	

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 15th.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder