

QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 10/20/2015

September 15, 2015

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

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Diane Engels Jane Giese	Chris Kust Betty Staeven
ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Sue Adler Shelly Bitters Mary Brooks Kathy LaLuzerne	Betty Mailhiot Lynn Mincheski Marlene Smith
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Clay Aumann Rheda Jelen	Terry Pasterski John St. Andre
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Nancy Cornwell Mary Ann Daniel Mary Simonis	Susan Wirtala Carolynne Younk
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Donald Everts	Father Ryan Starks

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Father Don. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Mary Simonis.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of August 18, 2015 were reviewed and approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with the following addition under NEW BUSINESS: Winter Carnival.

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COMMISSION REPORTS:	<p>In addition to the written commission reports that were distributed with the meeting agenda, the St. Patrick Parish representatives were asked to give updates on other 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: The commission meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Planning is underway for celebration of the milestone anniversaries, which is slated for some time in November. 3. Other Commission Information: The Community Life Commission met on September 1st to review the new commission vision and focus which centers around hospitality and welcome. Commission members have been tasked with recruiting greeters for the weekend Masses at their parishes. The plan is to have three greeters at each Mass and enough greeters at each parish that the commitment is only one Mass per month. Greeter training sessions are scheduled for September 24th at St. Jude Parish and October 4th after the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph Parish. • Faith Formation Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: Proposed fundraisers were outlined in the Faith Formation Commission report and reviewed by the Pastoral Council. 	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>The Pastoral Council approved the proposed Faith Formation fundraisers.</p>

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	<p>2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Council members were directed to the Faith Formation Commission reports that were 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.</p> <p>3. Other Commission Information: None.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Concerns Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: The Social Concerns Commission proposes to change its name to the Social Justice Commission. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: Andy Huettl will contact Becky VanKauwenberg to coordinate a date and suggested attendance for the Human Trafficking presentation. It is hoped this presentation will occur yet this year. The <i>Love Life</i> collection for infant products will be occurring throughout the month of October. 3. Other Commission Information: Barbara Staudenmeir joined the commission as a representative from St. Joseph Parish. • 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. The fall Stewardship presentations will focus on the Ministry of Giving. 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 1st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. Sixty readers are needed for this event and recruitment is underway, particularly for men who would be willing to participate in this event. 3. Other Commission Information: A question was raised as to whether the Worship Commission would be manning a table at the Faith Formation Kick-Off on September 20th. Jennifer Poehlmann will be asked to contact Becky VanKauwenberg to discuss this further. • GRACE – There was no report from the GRACE representatives. The feedback on the new GRACE President has been very positive. 	<p>The Pastoral Council approved the name change of the Social Concerns Commission to the Social Justice Commission.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS: ANNUAL</p>	<p>The annual parish meetings are scheduled for the following dates:</p>	<p>Informational; no council</p>

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<p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT:</p> <p>UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:</p>	<p>October 10th – St. Patrick Parish; October 17th – St. Joseph Parish; October 18th – St. Jude Parish; October 25th – Annunciation Parish. Pastoral Council members are strongly encouraged to be present at their respective parish’s annual meeting.</p> <p>Roll out of the new vision statement is planned for the weekend of October 17th-18th. Additional feedback from the young adult group that was assisting in this project resulted in some minor changes to the statement that was proposed by the Pastoral Council last month. The statement will now read as follows: We are a family of believers from four unique Catholic parishes who find home through community, hope in the living presence of Christ, and holiness in our witness to the world.”</p> <p>Council members were reminded of the following upcoming parish events and asked to show their support by participating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Joseph Parish’s Fall Fest is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th. • St. Patrick Parish 150th Anniversary Celebration will occur on October 3rd. • St. Jude Church will be visited by Bishop Ricken on October 11th to bless the newly renovated church as well as the Upper Room Young Adult House. An open house for the Upper Room Young Adult House is planned for the future but the date still needs to be confirmed. • The 2016 Winter Carnival (the renamed Mardi Gras celebration) is scheduled for March 5th. The planning committee is starting to meet to make preparations. Several suggestions were offered to use another word to describe this event instead of “Carnival”, such as “Fest” or “Festival.” The planning committee will address this suggestion at its upcoming meeting. 	<p>action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>RENOVATION OF ST. JUDE CONVENT:</p> <p>FOLLOW-UP ON COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION CHANGES:</p> <p>FOLLOW-UP ON SECOND COLLECTIONS, LIMITED MOBILITY AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:</p>	<p>Remodeling of the St. Jude Convent to accommodate the Young Adult House is completed. The building has been named “The Upper Room.” An open house will be held in the near future. Council members suggested some of the residents from The Upper Room be present at the annual parish meetings to share information about this facility as well as the Young Adult Ministry. Contact will be made with the Young Adult team to determine if they are able to be present at these meetings.</p> <p>The Community Life Commission has met twice to begin its progress toward its new focus on hospitality and welcome. Commission members are very impressed with Chelsea Verges, who is coordinating many of these efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting on the weekend of September 19th-20th with the second collection for the Diocesan Services Appeal, all second collections will occur following the first collection at the Offertory. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation to the Diocesan Services Appeal collection. All of the parishes are behind in their allotted assessments and the matching funds that were contributed toward this cause 	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p>

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	<p>could have a significant impact on each parish's shortfall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing there are many parishioners with limited mobility, communion will be brought to these individuals so they do not need to leave their pews. Those who wish to receive communion this way should make the ushers aware of where they are sitting and the ushers will assist in directing the Eucharistic ministers to them. • In response to feedback at last month's Pastoral Council meeting, efforts will be made to make the Prayers of the Faithful more personalized to the Quad-Parishes and surrounding community. However, it is always necessary to keep the universal church in mind in the wording of the petitions. 	
OTHER BUSINESS:	Tickets for the St. Patrick Parish 150th Anniversary Celebration were available after the meeting.	

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 20th.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder