

QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED 11/17/2015

October 20, 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	Betty Mailhiot Holly Meyer
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Clay Aumann Patrick Costello Rheda Jelen Martin Kyles	Terry Pasterski John St. Andre Susan Straubel
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Nancy Cornwell Mary Ann Daniel Ann Hanchek Mary Simonis	Susan Wirtala Carolynne Younk Sharon Zakowski
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Donald Everts	

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Father Don. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Betty Staeven.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of September 15, 2015 were reviewed and approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with the following addition under OLD BUSINESS: Winterfest.

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COMMISSION REPORTS:	<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 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 greeter program is now in place and officially started with the weekend Masses on October 17-18. Preparations are underway for the milestone anniversary celebration to be held on November 14th in conjunction with the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church. 3. Other Commission Information: None. • Faith Formation Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: The commission started a discussion on the new vision statement by focusing on each of the phrases within the statement and brainstorming on how the activities of the Faith Formation Commission can be linked to each concept. 	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>3. Other Commission Information: a) Holly Meyer is welcomed to the commission as the new representative from St. Joseph Parish. b) A question was raised by one of the Pastoral Council members as to whether the DVD series on Christian and Islam Theology is available to view outside of the formal classes. It was suggested Sister Pat be contacted regarding this question. Other council members participating in the class also encouraged joining one of the classes already in session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Justice Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: The Human Trafficking presentation will be held on October 28th at St. Joseph Parish from 7-8:30 p.m. Andy Huettl is asking for suggestions for five families for which the commission might provide Christmas assistance. 3. Other Commission Information: Jacob Slavek is no longer able to participate on the commission due to his work schedule so Mary Hanchek is replacing him as a St. Patrick Parish representative. • Stewardship/Evangelization Commission – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items Needing Council Approval: None. 2. Upcoming Events / Activities of Commission: The Stewardship/ Evangelization Commission is working with the Worship Commission on a flyer outlining Quad-Parish Advent and Christmas activities. A postcard with the schedule of Christmas services will not be mailed out this year as the same information will be available in the flyer. The Stewardship/Evangelization Commission has also started preparing the Stewardship Spotlight columns for the weekly bulletins. 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. Memorial services will be held at each of the four parishes on November 2nd to commemorate parish members who died during the past year. Holy Hour is held on the second Thursday of each month. The format of the service has been changed and the feedback is very positive. It was noted there are scheduling conflicts with Holy Hour and some other parish activities and a question was raised about changing the night Holy Hour is held. Father Don stated he would check the Quad-Parish calendar to determine if there are other options. 3. Other Commission Information: None. • GRACE – a) The St. John Paul II Classical School is scheduled to open next fall. This school was started at the request of a group 	<p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p> <p>No council action required.</p>

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	<p>of parents. The intent is not for this school to draw its enrollment away from the other GRACE schools but to offer another type of curriculum. The expectation is that this school will be self-sustaining. Bishop Ricken will be speaking at an informational meeting about the classical school program on November 4th. b) To kick off the GRACE Annual Fund Drive, GRACE Board of Trustee representatives will be speaking at the October 24-25 Masses about the GRACE program.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS:</p> <p>VISION STATEMENT:</p> <p>WINTERFEST:</p>	<p>The new Vision Statement was rolled out on the weekend of October 17th-18th and the reception was very positive with a lot of encouraging feedback, which would indicate the statement flows naturally into the next phase of parish life development. Prior to the next meeting, council members were asked to think about areas of parish life that have the most need and opportunity for growth, i.e. what are the Quad-Parishes not doing well or not doing enough of? For example, there is a need for a larger pool of volunteers. Discussion then followed on the banners that were designed to promote the new vision statement, with very positive comments. The vision statement has been incorporated into the cover of the weekly bulletins and large posters similar to the banners will also be framed to hang at the entrances of the churches. A question was raised as to whether additional banners could be purchased to hang outside the churches. The cost for exterior banners will be investigated but it may not be possible to absorb this expense at this time. A focus on each of the key themes during the liturgical seasons was noted, e.g. Home with Advent, Hope with Lent and Holiness with Easter, as was providing parishioners with a smaller version of the banner to take home to hang in a prominent place.</p> <p>All of the promotional materials for this year's Winterfest will describe the event as "Winterfest (formerly Mardi Gras)." The 2016 theme is "Time to Celebrate." A new event at the 2016 Winterfest is Bingo. St. Patrick Parish representatives will assist in this activity as will one of the commissions.</p>	<p>Informational; no council action required.</p> <p>Informational; no council action required.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p>	<p>There was no new business requiring discussion.</p>	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting Winterfest is intended to be an adult activity, a question was raised about what family-oriented activities are available through the Quad-Parishes. Discussion followed regarding the various youth events sponsored by the Faith Formation Commission. • An update on fundraising for the new Food Pantry/Love Life building was requested. It was noted approximately \$125,000 of the \$240,000 goal has been secured. Questions were answered about the population served by the food pantry 	

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 17th.

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Elizabeth Markon, Recorder