**Christ our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes**

**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

**Protivin Community Center, Protivin, Iowa**

The Pastoral Cluster Council of six parishes: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Little Turkey (ABVM), Holy Trinity in Protivin (HT), Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lawler (OLMC), St. John Nepomucene in Fort Atkinson (SJN), St. Luke in St. Lucas (SL), and St. Mary in Waucoma (SM) held its meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Protivin Community Center in Protivin, Iowa. Attendance is below.

Attendance: \*2 – Denotes they are no longer eligible for re-election.

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|  |  | Member | 8/1/13 | 9/5/13 | 10/10/13 | 11-19-13 | 1-30-14 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2016-2 | Hemesath, Ken - Chair | P | P | P | A | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2013-2 | Franzen, Jim – Vice-Pres. | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2015-2 | Dietzenbach, Cathy - Sec. | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2014 | Reicks, Carl replacing Throndson, Renee | na | na | na | A | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2015-2 | Kuennen, Mike | P | A | A | A | A |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2016 | Barloon, Gary | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2013-2 | Swestka, Joan | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2014 | Dietzenbach, Donna | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2015-2 | Shindelar, Allan | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2014-2 | Lynch, Pat | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2015 | Babcock, Claude | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2016 | Sheridan, Patrick | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2014 | Kriener, Brenda | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2015 | Thuente, John | A | A | P | P | A |  |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2016 | Schmitt, Steve | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2014-2 | Franzen, Renae | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2015 | Langreck, Kerry | P | A | A | A | A |  |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2014 | Burke, Carole | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| LOC |  | Achen, Tom | A | A | A | P | A |  |  |  |  |  |

Others present were: Rev. Nick March, Pastor.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Rev. March at 7:00 p.m.

The pastoral cluster council reviewed the minutes. No changes were noted.

Rev. March spoke about the Cluster Mission scheduled for June 8, 9, and 10, 2014, at St. Lucas Church at 7 p.m. The talks will be 40-45 minutes each night. Daycare will be provided. There will be music and refreshments each night. It might be possible to have adoration in the mornings of those days. Father would like some youth involvement. More planning is needed.

The Decorah Deanery Pastoral Planning Task Force booklets are complete. In summary, everyone wanted all parishes to remain open. All the minutes from the meetings are included with proposals and possibilities if changes are need. Set of options on ages 13-16. The report is available online by clicking the link on [www.christourhopecluster.com](http://www.christourhopecluster.com).

Father summarized Chapter 4 of the book “Forming Intentional Disciples”, (Grace and the Great Quest). We need to embrace the inward part of the sacraments to foster the full reward, and not just do the outward signs. Many of us are looking for the fruit of the church, looking for evidence that the Holy Spirit is among us.

This was followed by the Discussion on Chapter 5, (Thresholds of Conversion: Can I Trust You?). The Council divided into small groups and answered questions: “Are there reasons why some don’t trust the universal church today?” and “Are there reasons why some don’t trust their local parish today?” “What is it about Pope Francis and Archbishop Jackels that has helped people reach this first threshold of trust?” “Can our parishes learn anything from these examples to help people build trust with the church?”

There will not be a cluster “birthday” mass this year since we are having the mission in June.

Read Chapter 6 (The Second Threshold: Curiosity) for the next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2014, at 7 p.m.

The COH financial statements were handed out.

At 8:22 p.m. the meeting closed with a closing prayer by Father March.

In the order stated,

Donna Dietzenbach for Cathy Dietzenbach