

## **Christ Our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes – Thurs., Feb. 1, 2018 Protivin Community Center**

Mission Statement: The Christ Our Hope Cluster offers meaningful, fulfilling and varied avenues of worship, Catholic education, social service, and community life for all ages within our six parishes to support the active practice of Catholic faith in all that we do.

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Rev. Kyle Digmann**

**Members present:** Rev. Kyle Digmann, Roger Ott (SJ), Melvin Bodensteiner (SL), Clair Blong (SL), Jeanne Loftus (OLMC), Edith Humpal (HT) **Guests:** Grace Arens-pastoral minister, Tyler Wheeler-director of evangelization

**Members Absent:** Maxine Balk-Secretary (SM), Gail Carolan (OLMC), Steve Busta (ABVM), Adrian Kuennen (SJ), Gail Carolan (OLMC), Cheryl Mracek (HT), Chris Reicks (AVBM), Bruce Adams (ABVM).

**Opening Prayer:** John Paul II Gospel by Father Kyle Digmann

**Minutes** from Dec.7, 2017 & Financial Review: Approved by Roger Ott and seconded by Melvin Bodensteiner

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **How Christ is working through us within the Cluster.** In Fort Atkinson: families who normally are not there are now attending. Catechesis of the Good Shepard is for ages 1.5years+ which is separate from GOF is bringing in younger children. The lynch pin for this = training time/commitment. Three high school kids are going through the RCIA process. Confirmation Program Interview: one of the great joy's is that the students are excited to attend and the saddest part is that the parents aren't there. People are encountering Christ in the area. How do we continue this?
- **Evangelization Small Groups** – The council would like to evaluate the past experiences of small groups and why they fizzled.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** – was being held with 3 to 4 masses on Monday evenings during Advent and after mass on Sundays.
- **Christmas Gift Book** – “Lamb’s Supper—the Mass as Heaven on Earth” by Scott Hahn. Fr. held a book study with 3 sessions during Lent.
- **Parish Mission:** These were great but after it ended people then went back to their regular lives.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Light of the World Retreat** – It is hard for people to give up their time with the busy lives people lead. It was discussed that the retreat was a success but it was a struggle in the follow up. The goal of the small groups is to change how you live because of encountering Christ.
- The council then went into closed session.

**Closing Prayer** – “Hail Mary”

**Adjournment:** 8:27 pm

**NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 7:00PM  
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Respectfully submitted, *Jeanne Loftus - Recording Secretary Substitute*