

Christ Our Hope Pastoral Council Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

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 parishes to support the active practice of Catholic faith in all we do.

Members Present: Maxine Balk & Kathleen Chicken-St. Mary's Roger Ott & Barbara Shatek – St. John's
Clair Blong & Melvin Bodensteiner – St. Luke's Kyle Fencil & Cheryl Mracek – Holy Trinity
Gail Carolan & Julianne Kout – OLMC Leon Wiemann – ABVM

Members Absent: Steve Busta – ABVM - Chairman

Meeting called to order by Father Aaron Junge at 7:05PM with Opening Prayer.

Review of Minutes – Thurs., July 25, 2019 Motion to Approve: Roger 2nd: Kathleen Approved

Review of Cluster Financial Condition

OLD BUSINESS

 TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Update following parent meeting on Sept. 19, 2019---

****goal is to stay open indefinitely by thriving and not just surviving**

****tuition increase & working with our local STO (School Tuition Organization)**

****form advertising/recruiting committee **Pledge Program for planned consistency working with local businesses**

****eventual teacher pay increase **projected enrollment for next 3 years **increase donations**

****simple ways to involve parents more **thank you to the school board representatives**

****child care for events in the future**

CLUSTER FUTURE GOALS

****Update of Archdiocesan visioning from Archbishop Jackels – pastoral planning looking forward to 2021-2022**

--- Christ Our Hope would be the first to pioneer ways to grow in (1) strengthening programs for on-going education in the faith for all ages – give families more options (Faith Formation Fair), homeschooling in the faith (5 families have chosen to do this, meeting with Fr. Aaron periodically to help them and enhance their efforts)

(2) making our worship vital by enhancing the Sunday assembly for Holy Mass (3) teaching stewardship as a way of life and thus create a sense of serving the broader community with physical and spiritual charity

(4) exercise practicality with our priest resources (it is projected that 30 priests will retire in next 10 years)

--best way to begin conversations with fellow parishioners about the future of our cluster-- adults, children, NONES, those who don't come very often

---be pro-active and not reactive = move slowly, keep it localized, be honest with the assessments coming from each of the six parishes in our cluster

---seeking two or three people from each parish to conduct an assessment based on the criteria outlined above by the next Cluster Council meeting on Thurs., December 12, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Search for Director of Evangelization - applications ended August 31 and Interview Committee completing its work, with a final decision coming in two weeks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE BOARD—Fr. Aaron (and two other diocesan priests) will be starting a study program to become a Spiritual Director in April 2020. This will be a 3-year commitment. Fr. Aaron has cancelled his May pilgrimage.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment – 8:15PM

NEXT MEETING—Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:00PM

OLMC Church, Lawler

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Balk – Recording Secretary