

Christ our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2017

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, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Protivin Central Office across from the Community Center in Protivin, Iowa. Attendance is below.

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

		Member	Aug. 4,2016	Oct. 6 2017	Feb.9, 2017	Apr. 20, 2017			
SL	2017	Larson, Pete – Chair	P	P	A	P	Decline		
ABVM	2017	Busta, Steve - Vice-Pres.	P	P	P	P			
OLMC	2017	Kout, Julianne, Secretary	P	P	P	P			
ABVM	2018	Reicks, Chris	P	P	P	A			
HT	2018	Humpal, Edith	P	P	P	P			
HT	2017-2	Dietzenbach, Donna	P	P	A	P	T/U		
OLMC	2018	Loftus, Jeanne	P	P	P	P			
SJN	2018	Kuennen, Adrian	P	P	A	P			
SJN	2017	Vsetecka, Barb	P	P	P	P			
SL	2018	Bodensteiner, Melvin	A	P	P	P			
SM	2018	Adams, Bruce	A	P	P	A			
SM	2017	Schmitt, Wayne	P	P	P	P			

Others Present were:

Rev. Kyle Digmann, Pastoral Minister: Grace Arens.

Chair-Pete Larson meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Father Digmann led the council with opening prayer.

The pastoral cluster council reviewed February 9, 2017 minutes. No changes were noted.

Old Business: Reviewed: Past year’s theme. “Year of Happiness.” With great intentions to get our “Act’s” together!” The group book “Regarding Happiness”, book study overall was good. Future banner will be displayed in honor of our potential yearly theme. Father would like to make our theme more intentional for all to understand. Father Kyle purposed next year to go forward with a mission retreat? Perhaps focus on the Eucharist. Or name the theme “The Lamb”. Possibly having participation in a living “Last Supper.”

Review priorities of our parishes. Father is looking into more youth participation. Examples: Youth masses? Recognizing what is on Catholic calendar for upcoming events. Involving of our GOF students? Discussions will be made with GOF/DFP Mr. Martin Ahmndt. Prioritizing as follows:

- 1) Married families with children
- 2) Inactive Parishioners
- 3) Bereavement & widower’s
- 4) Homebound & Caretakers

New Business:

Possible Staff Addition: Needs of our parishes: Priest work load: Financials:

In appreciation to all, who have graciously devoted time, efforts to help with daily operations, being on boards, Musical Ministry, Lecturing, Minister of Holy Communion, Ushering, and Ultra Servers. Father Kyle Digmann expressed how much he could not do this alone! He stressed that without your stewardships of time, talents. Our SIX parishes just would not function! Thank you all! Discussion of over loading work, additional needs, for our priest, and staff. Father announced that Tyler & Lynette Wheeler are moving back to our area. Could this be the answer? Would anyone be willing to apply for additional Ministry in our COH cluster? Father is looking forward and seeking applicants for the following: Noted this would be a part time position. Limited job descriptions indicated: Helping faith formation families. (Example: 23 couples getting married this coming year!) Preparations: for Holy Sacraments. Witnessing with young Mothers groups? Just to name a few. Pay is questionable? Budget will allow additional help. Father Kyle would like to talk further with finance committee, Light of Christ board.

Liturgical Ministry training: Consistent ministries at all parishes? Cross train:

To serve is a joyful privilege and not a right. Very important value for our whole community to grow in faith and love for the Catholic Church. It cost nothing. Members of the council claimed that each parish does things a little different? Can we all follow a general guideline for all 6 parishes? Father Kyle proclaimed it has been a long time since we had ministry training. He would like to see us all to do well and be the best we can be. Looking at two training meeting times, with different locations? Perhaps, new people to reach new stewardships? **October 2018**, Youth Rome Pilgrimage with Rev. Kyle leading young individual's to see Rome. How exciting!

Parish nominations and elections:

To nominate and to be eligible to serve you must be 18 yrs.' of age, and be an active member. St. Johns & St. Mary's April 29-30 you will find nomination ballots at church doors. You can call the parish office to nominate if you wish. Mount Carmel, Holy Trinity and St. Luke will find nomination ballots May 6-7. Note that each eligible parishioner names will be on attached sheet. Elections will be held the weekend of May 20, and 21. Father Kyle has asked that if you are nominated that you agree to have your name placed on the ballot, and if you are elected that you will serve.

Closing prayer and adjournment at 8:45. Next meeting: June 22, 2017.

In the order stated,

Julianne Kout