**Christ our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes**

**Thursday, March 20, 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 | 3-20-14 |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2016-2 | Hemesath, Ken - Chair | P | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2013-2 | Franzen, Jim – Vice-Pres. | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2015-2 | Dietzenbach, Cathy - Sec. | P | P | P | P | A | P |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2014 | Reicks, Carl replacing Throndson, Renee | na | na | na | A | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2015-2 | Kuennen, Mike | P | A | A | A | A | A |  |  |  |  |
| ABVM | 2016 | Barloon, Gary | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2013-2 | Swestka, Joan | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2014 | Dietzenbach, Donna | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| HT | 2015-2 | Shindelar, Allan | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2014-2 | Lynch, Pat | P | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2015 | Babcock, Claude | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| OLMC | 2016 | Sheridan, Patrick | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2014 | Kriener, Brenda | P | P | P | P | A | A |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2015 | Thuente, John | A | A | P | P | A | P |  |  |  |  |
| SJN | 2016 | Schmitt, Steve | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2014-2 | Franzen, Renae | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |  |  |
| SL | 2015 | Langreck, Kerry | P | A | A | A | A | P |  |  |  |  |
| SM | 2014 | Burke, Carole | P | A | P | P | P | A |  |  |  |  |
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Others present were:

Rev. Nick March, Pastor.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Rev. March at 7:01 p.m.

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

Rev. March and Deacon Jim Zajicek are holding a Bible Study at Holy Trinity at 3:15 p.m. during Lent. This has been well received.

The Light of the World Retreat will be held on April 4, 5 and 6. Allan and Kay Shindelar will be the main evangelizers with help from an outside evangelizer that was in attendance the past two times. Sign up sheets will be out in the parishes in the next two weekends for food sigh up for the retreat.

Rev. March will be giving the next Generations of Faith meeting on Wednesday and Sunday with a talk about the weather.

Rev. March brought about the purpose of our volunteer ministers in the parishes. Parish members need to thank those people for their ministry as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, choir members, alter servers, and the like. These people are ministering to our parishes and may do multiple positions. Parishes will make an appeal to recruit more ministers.

Chapter 6 of the book “Forming Intentional Disciples” (The Second Threshold: Curiosity), was about moving through the 5 steps (thresholds) of conversion. People become more spiritually interested in their faith as they go through the steps. Chapters 7 and 8 are assigned for the next meeting.

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) had quarterly meetings. The proposed changes include having meetings on an as need basis. Archbishop Jackels has been traveling to the parishes and meeting with parishioners. He is very active and wants to engage in learning more about your successes and concerns in each parish.

Next month, the cluster council will be reviewing the Faith Formation Budget for 2014-15.

The Harvest of Blessings has a $500 grant in which parishes can apply. This is for a ½ match. The Catholic Charities has 40 approved projects in which there was a new way of distributing this money to parishes.

The council reviewed the Light of the World Budget and asked questions about the contents. Subsidies from the parishes are on an equal basis. By consensus, the 2014-15 budget for the Light of the World was approved.

The COH financial statements were handed out.

The next meeting is May 8, 2014. At 8:05 p.m. the meeting closed with the “Our Father” as the closing prayer.

In the order stated,

Cathy Dietzenbach