**Christ our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes**

**Thursday, June 12, 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, June 12, 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 | 5-8-14 | 6-12-14 |  |  |
| SM | 2016-2 | Hemesath, Ken - Chair | P | P | P | A | P | P | A | P |  |  |
| SL | 2016-2 | Franzen, Jim – Vice-Pres. | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | P |  |  |
| SM | 2015-2 | Dietzenbach, Cathy - Sec. | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |
| ABVM | 2014 | Reicks, Carl replacing Throndson, Renee | na | na | na | A | P | P | A | P |  |  |
| ABVM | 2015-2 | Kuennen, Mike | P | A | A | A | A | A | P | P |  |  |
| ABVM | 2016 | Barloon, Gary | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | P |  |  |
| HT | 2016-2 | Swestka, Joan | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |
| HT | 2014 | Dietzenbach, Donna | P | P | A | P | P | P | A | P |  |  |
| HT | 2015-2 | Shindelar, Allan | P | P | A | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |
| OLMC | 2014-2 | Lynch, Pat | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |
| OLMC | 2015 | Babcock, Claude | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| OLMC | 2016 | Sheridan, Patrick | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A |  |  |
| SJN | 2014 | Kriener, Brenda | P | P | P | P | A | A | P | P |  |  |
| SJN | 2015 | Thuente, John | A | A | P | P | A | P | P | P |  |  |
| SJN | 2016 | Schmitt, Steve | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| SL | 2014-2 | Franzen, Renae | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| SL | 2015 | Langreck, Kerry | P | A | A | A | A | P | A | P |  |  |
| SM | 2014 | Burke, Carole | P | A | P | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |
| LOC |  | Achen, Tom | A | A | A | P | A | P | A | A |  |  |

Others present were:

Rev. Nick March, Pastor; Ralph Davis, visiting seminarian; and Julianne Kout, newly elected member from OLMC.

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

Renae Franzen and Pat Lynch brought treats for their last meeting on the cluster council.

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

Ralph Davis explained his first few weeks with our cluster and some of the projects that he will be working on during his visit.

Rev. Nick March shared his personal experience of conversion. He explained how Chapter 7 and 8 (Thresholds of Conversion) related to his own conversion. The cluster grouped into groups of 4 or 5 members to discuss   
“How can Christ Our Hope make new disciples of Christ and help its current disciples grow?”

The council discussed the mission and the pros and cons of this endeavor. The council suggested getting more well-known speakers and getting more youth involved. The publicity could reach out to the media and newspaper. There was a suggestion to move the mission to Lawler next year. St. Luke’s and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are the two largest parishes that could accommodate the people, handicapped accessibility, and kitchen facilities. Overall, the mission was a great success within the cluster.

Rev. March informed the council that he sent out a letter to all parishioners with the mass schedule for the next six months. This was only done to get the parishioners into the every other week schedule and the summer/winter switch. Rev. March will be putting together a monthly calendar that will be put on the website. Parishioners will also be able to call the office and listen to the message of where the masses are by pressing “9”. Parishioners will be asked to help each other out through this transition. Weekday masses will be at the 4 largest churches at 8:30 a.m. The tentative schedule will be Tuesday at SJN, Wednesdays at SL, Thursday at HT and Friday at OLMC. A substitute priest will be sought for the feast days to offer more masses in home parishes. Holy days will probably be 2 vigils and a morning mass. It will be more of a challenge to schedule youth masses, but every opportunity will be offered to get them involved. As time goes on, the masses will be held where the strengths of the mass participation is prominent.

The budget for 2014-15 is in a holding pattern as of now. The fiscal year end will be in two weeks. We will continue on the current level and make adjustments as they come up.

There will be a food drive for area food pantries the weekend of June 28/29. This is a request from Fr. March to observe his 10th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Donations of non-perishable food can be brought to church on that weekend and be distributed to the local pantries. If any council member or parishioner has any suggestions for distribution, please contact Ralph Davis at the cluster office.

Those council members whose term has expired are: Carl Reicks from ABVM, Donna Dietzenbach from HT, Pat Lynch from OLMC, Brenda Kriener from SJN and Carole Burke from SM.

Those that have been elected to the council are: Steve Busta from ABVM, Donna Dietzenbach from HT for a second term, Julianne Kout from OLMC, Barb Vsetecka from SJ, Pete Larson from SL, and Wayne Schmitt from SM.

The next meeting will be determined later. The meeting closed with a prayer.

In the order stated,

Cathy Dietzenbach