

## Christ Our Hope Pastoral Council Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2020

Location: OLMC-Lawler

Adoration – 6:30PM

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.

Members Present: Maxine Balk-SM, Clair Blong & Melvin Bodensteiner-SL, Cheryl Mracek-HT, Barbara Shatek-SJ, Julianne Kout-OLMC

Members Absent: Steve Busta & Leon Wiemann-ABVM, Kathleen Chicken-SM, Roger Ott-SJ, Gail Carolan-OLMC, Kyle Fencil-HT

COH Staff: Grace Arens, Pastoral Associate

7:04PM - Meeting called to order by Father Nick Radloff in the absence of Steve Busta-Pastoral Council Chairman

 OPENING PRAYER: Hail Holy Queen

 MINUTES from August 13, 2020 – Motion to approve: Clair Blong 2<sup>nd</sup>: Melvin Bodensteiner Approved

 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL – on par with last year

OLD BUSINESS – none

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Δ---Explanation & Discussion of New Budget Reporting Practices

Cluster wide letter to be included in the bulletin for the October 10/11 weekend

Figures in this letter will be for expenses such as salaries, utilities, insurance & taxes incurred by each parish each month in order to meet their respective budgets.

Targeted mailings and bulletin notices to be employed to reach out to regular givers and those who don't contribute.

#### Δ---Cemeteries

Establish endowment fund to help with the upkeep & mowing for each cemetery as the interest earned from perpetual care investments is not meeting the yearly expenses. One idea under consideration is to put the yearly All Souls Day collection toward this. Final determination will be made next year.

Keep in mind that we are here for them no matter what.

#### Δ---Long Term Planning: Discussion of Options for New Parish Offices

In the event that Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin would join with Cresco, options for a new Cluster office were discussed. The original plan for this transition was scheduled to take effect in July 2021 and Archbishop Jackels has not reversed that decision as of today.

Strong suggestion for this location is the Moran Center in Lawler. It is handicapped accessible, all on one level, has a kitchenette, easily accessible bathrooms, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Cheryl Mracek 2<sup>nd</sup>: Clair Blong Approved.

 CLOSING PRAYER: Our Father

 NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:00PM OLMC

*Respectfully submitted.....Maxine Balk, Recording Secretary*