

Christ our Hope Pastoral Cluster Council Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 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 (SJM), St. Luke in St. Lucas (SL), and St. Mary in Waucoma (SM) held its meeting on Thursday, February 9, 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	8/4/16	Oct. 6,2016	02/09/17				
SL	2017	Larson, Pete – Chair	P	P	A				
ABVM	2017	Busta, Steve - Vice-Pres.	P	P	P				
OLMC	2017	Kout, Julianne, Secretary	P	P	P				
ABVM	2018	Reicks, Chris	P	P	P				
HT	2018	Humpal, Edith	P	P	P				
HT	2017-2	Dietzenbach, Donna	P	P	A				
OLMC	2018	Loftus, Jeanne	P	P	P				
SJM	2018	Kuennen, Adrian	P	P	A				
SJM	2017	Vsetecka, Barb	P	P	P				
SL	2018	Bodensteiner, Melvin	A	P	P				
SM	2018	Adams, Bruce	A	P	P				
SM	2017	Schmitt, Wayne	P	P	P				

Others Present were:

Rev. Kyle Digmann, Pastoral Minister: Grace Arnes.

Vice president- Steve Busta called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Rev. Father Digmann led the council with opening prayer. The opening prayer was very unique. Father presented, and read about Saint Paul Mike and companion's Martyrs Memorial. This came from our cultures Catholic Liturgical Year library. Very moving, historical story of our Catholic church. (USCCB, website: February 9, 2017).
- The pastoral cluster council reviewed the minutes. No changes were noted.
- Old Business: New Confessional times. Discussions of having new confessionals placed. Making all confessional and confessions assessable. Considerations: Confessions offered twice on Sundays 8:00am, 10:00am services. Have our Youth kids be more active in our Holy confessions/adorations. Possibilities 'of coordinating with G.O.F classes? Which Sunday of the month to have Confessions/adorations available? Council members recall the first Friday of the month alternating with our sister parishes. Father will get back with us on times. Topics for prayers? Members of the COHPC came up with these: Graduations, Blessing of animals, teachers, Prayers for illness, Vocations, Harvest/ planting. Marriage.
- New Business: Establishing a fund for Stewardship Conferences. This would be for Father interactive courses away from this area. So many valued conferences are available but no money in budget? Example in Atlanta Georgia. Continuing education for our priest is a win win for all. If Father learns we all learn. Looking over our current budget, \$300.00 is potential unused money for retreat fund. This fund is not used every year? On budget this is under LOTW retreat could Father

use this money? Could he alternate every other year? Father also would be taking someone in parish to partake in conferences. Great way for Father Kyle to Learn & Share.

- Christmas book study Resisting Happiness. Father has purposed to have a book study. This would take place during lent in season. One hour book study every Wednesday night. For 6 weeks alternating parishes? Father would lead this study with some small groups, leaders. He has asked some to help with study, and is recruiting more people now. Father is thinking of a way to start theme for us all to use throughout the year. Something like: “Get your act together” Looking for space and times for all.
- Needs of parishes –this is an evaluation of how good of a job we are doing? Most important priorities Married families with kids, young couples with young adults. GOF’s supporters getting our younger generations more involve. Examples: Vocation Bible studies, Children masses, May crowning. Easter Children can make the jelly bean prayer? Valentine hearts could be handed out with small piece of candy. B.A.S.I.C. Brothers and Sisters of Christ, NCYC (dances held in Fort’s community center.by Mrs. Schmitt.) Signs of Christ, Mission groups, activate the wine and wisdom, or Theology on tap. Inactive parishioners. Following up or carrying on inactive parishioners. Listings of our past, family graduates? Reaching out to their last connecting families? Can we contact individual’s that have had a wedding this year, or in past 5 years? Or can we contact individuals, who have had a baptismal celebration? Reach out packets for all new and old people in or our communities?
- Closing prayer and adjournment at 9:00. Next meeting: April, 20th, 2017.

In the order stated,

Julianne Kout