

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
JUNE 11, 2014

Meeting was opened with a prayer from President Kim Haukap.

Attending the meeting were: Connie Barciszewski, Kim Haukap, Nancy Huelsmann, Donna Peek, Marvin Ratermann, Clint Schrage, Jim Thole, Terri Thole and Father Dan.

**Minutes** were approved by: Nancy Huelsmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Haukap.

**Matthew Kelly's Book Discussion:** "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" Chapter 1-3 discussion was tabled till the September meeting due to a lengthy agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cluster Pastoral Council:** The Council has not met in a while. Questions are being asked as to dissolving the Cluster Pastoral Council. Is there value in a 6 parish partnership? Should they ask more partnerships to join? These questions were discussed and our representatives were given the councils ideas on the situations: 1) If the Cluster Pastoral Council is continued it should expand to include other clusters and parish partnerships thus facilitating cooperative projects that expand beyond a single parish partnership but not Vicariate (Deanery) wide in scope, 2) The current representatives to the Cluster Pastoral Council need to meet to jointly discuss the future status of the Cluster Pastoral Council, and 3) neighboring cluster's parish partnerships need to be invited to be part of the discussion and decision.

**AFCA National Child Identification Program:** St. Francis has helped with this program in the past and they asked for our assistance again. Council has voted to go forward with this project. Father will now talk to the Finance Committee and the Police Department for more input.

**Inmates Helping Inmates:** The North Central Vicariate (Deanery) asked the Parish to participate in this program sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Charities by having a collection to help raise money for this program. Council voted to put fliers in the benches and a one-time collection would be made.

**Hispanic Outreach:** Fr. Dan distributed an NCR article, "Study: Catholic share of Hispanics dropping," for the Council's consideration if we as a parish fit into or can learn from this study.

**REPORTS:**

**Poor Handmaids Visit:** It is unclear if the Sisters will have time to stop by on their trip. If they stop by it will be only for a brief visit.

**Parish Sesquicentennial:** No committee report.

Marvin Ratermann raised the issue of needing an additional dehumidifier in the cafeteria. The current one is not keeping up with the removal of humidity in the basement. It was agreed that we should purchase one in prep for Vacation Bible School and the Picnic. Fr. Dan agreed to purchase one immediately.

**Next meeting** Sept. 10, 2014 at 7:30

Respectfully yours,

Donna Peek