

**St. Henry Pastoral Council/Cluster meeting
March 15, 2017**

The council meeting was opened with prayer from Brad Beyke

St. Henry council Members present: Brad Beyke, Shawn Thieman, Eric Koesters, Don Bruggeman, Jim Lefeld, Lorna Timmerman, Joan Uhlenhake, Lisa Moeller, Janet Bills, Kim Zimmerman, Doug Speck

Also present was Carmen Beyke, Parish Life Coordinator

Not in attendance: Stacy Niekamp

Brad Beyke called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Sound Systems:

Two companies have quoted a new sound system.

Quote #1 Hang the speakers on the wall. This might be an issue because of how low the speakers would be hung. People may bump them walking by.

Quote #2 Hang speakers on the pillars which may cause cosmetic issues due to having to put conduit on the columns.

From a sound standpoint, putting the speakers in the center of the church near the light system may be the best option. Boch to Rock will be contacted to quote this option and to give weights. Others such as musicians, art and environment, building and grounds, etc. will be contacted after this quote is received to discuss the options. Pictures of Ft Recovery and Montezuma's center hung speakers will be taken to see how it might look from a cosmetic standpoint.

New microphones were ordered. The settings on these mics still need to be fine-tuned to match Fr. Tom and the deacons voices before we can evaluate.

Ordination: Deacon James ordination is set for July 8th. There will be the ceremony and a reception afterward. There will be future discussions on a gift. Carmen will have a discussion with the cluster office, Deacon Randy and the other parishes to come up with some ideas.

Council Minutes and communication of kick back from One Faith, One Hope, One Love: At this time, council minutes are not published regularly. Some of the cluster parishes email the minutes to all the parishioners, some print hard copies of the minutes and have them in the back of the church. The council decided to put a notice in the bulletin to see the cluster website. The minutes will be posted there. Copies can be emailed from a mailing list upon request. Carmen will also post a notice in the bulletin and on the facebook page stating this. We will re-evaluate if there is a large response. One Faith, One Hope, One Love kickback expenditures will be communicated in a bulletin insert. Carmen will prepare a draft for the May council meeting for the council to review before placing in the bulletin.

New Council Member Selection:

Brad, Lorna, Shawn and Stacy will be leaving the council. The new selection was scheduled for May 21st, however, that is the same date/time as the graduation mass. It was proposed to move the selection to 5/28. Selection nominations are due to Carmen by 5/1.

Parish Life Coordinator Carmen Beyke presented:

Graduation Mass will be 5/21 at 10 am. Kim, Joan, and Janet will help during the after-mass reception.

Parish Council reps for Holy Thursday mass feet washing will be Eric, Don, Joan, Janet, Shawn and Brad. Lisa nominated her daughter Ashlyn to be a youth representative.

Committee Updates:

*Education: (Joan Uhlenhake and Lorna Timmerman) A wish list for the CCD center was presented. Some of the items could be financed through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love kick back. The list included some building needs as well as some teacher needs. Due to the fact that there are some larger operating fund issues, the wish list items need to be examined with this in mind. The finance committee requested to do a walk-through of the buildings. Eric Koesters will coordinate this before the next finance meeting.

*Mission: Don Bruggeman reported:

Money is tight to pay teachers in Haiti. Money is raised for this from the Mission breakfast and raffle. The breakfast is on April 2. HSP renewals will be up soon. The current number of sponsorships is around 420.

*Building and Grounds: Doug Speck and Brad Beyke reported

The LED light replacement is proceeding. The CCD, Cluster office, and the church are the 3 phases of the project. The church will be done first. A walk through count of the bulbs was done. Lenny Koester will coordinate the rebate. In 2009 there was a switch of bulbs and bulb color. The plan is to use the same color as is currently being used. Parishioners may notice a difference because several bulbs are currently burnt out and will be replaced during the transition.

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*Youth:

Life in the Spirit will be on March 24-26.

Lisa and Kim would like to sit down with Father and Deb to continue discussions of the vision of the youth ministry program. There was some concern that the position of Family and Youth Faith Formation Coordinator is more than a part time position. Is there a need for additional resources to focus solely on the Youth? There is also concern that some volunteers are putting in so much time that they will get overwhelmed and burnt out. Members thought the material in the You program was very well done and needed. Members expressed concern that these youth ministry nights need to have a balance of faith instruction as well as fun activities for the kids to bond and move around to eliminate the feel of it being an extended religion class. Feedback to Father and Deb will be helpful to discuss feedback from the parish and the youth.

*Finance: Paul Jansen is retired, but still doing a lot of work. Randy has been documenting some of what he does. This is to get a better understanding in order to be able to transition if Paul is no longer willing or able to do the work. The Finance committee wants to be kept up to date on projects the council is discussing and working on. Eric and Shawn are the council reps on that committee and will continue to keep them posted on any projects.

*Cemetery: No updates

Misc: The question was asked "Why don't the servers wear robes at all masses." Occasionally, there are some young ladies who may not dress appropriately or servers that were not planning on serving but volunteer when there is a shortage. Carmen will investigate further.

Council would like to revisit mass times. The decision was made to wait to see if Deacon James will get assigned to the cluster after ordination. This may change the need for such heavy involvement from the retired priests. If the current situation changes, the council would like to discuss changes in the mass times with Father and the Cluster staff.

The next meeting is tentatively set for May 9th at 7:30 at the Church Basement

Closing Prayer