

St Henry Pastoral Council Meeting

January 9, 2018

Joint Cluster Meeting

Father Jim led us in prayer.

Father Bill: He commented on the generous Christmas collection this past year and was very grateful. There was a nice increase in the collection as well as an increase in the attendance at the Christmas Masses.

He also expressed gratefulness in the good efforts and support for the new mass schedule that started in 2018.

Also Father Bill commented that we are hoping to get the Youth Group up and running soon.

Also, he commented that the cluster is thinking about starting a new marriage preparation class to replace the Focus Group.

Deacon Randy introduced the speakers from each of the following organizations/conferences:

St Vincent de Paul – Sunny Lane came out from the Dayton organization. She spoke to us describing what the St Vincent de Paul actually does and also what it would take to start a conference here in the St Henry cluster. Some of the conferences provide shelters for the homeless, have transitional housing for those in need, have a food pantry, they do canned food drives, etc. They also meet frequently to pray together. She passed out literature describing more detail about this organization. There are some local conferences such as Versailles and Ft. Loramie that would have demographics very similar to ours.

Stephen Ministry – Kathy Staugler spoke on behalf of this ministry. It is a companionship type ministry and they try to meet the needs of people who are going through struggling times; such as loss of a job, a divorce, death, etc. In this ministry you learn how to be an active and compassionate listener to help someone work through their problems. Kathy passed out a pamphlet as well. This is a one on one ministry with a fair amount of training involved for those that become volunteers.

The Spiritual Center/Montezuma Retreat House – Robin Goettemoeller spoke on behalf of the Retreat House. The Retreat House purchased the Montezuma School last summer. They are in the process of doing major renovation and hope to be open for business around March 2018. Robin expressed that this was in response to the definite need for another building to accommodate more groups for retreats. The Retreat House in Maria Stein is often full. Last year the Maria Stein Retreat Center had over 10,000 guests and served over 20,000 meals. We are fortunate to have these facilities in our area. Robin passed out a sheet on this information as well.

Saint Henry Breakout session

The council meeting was opened with prayer by President Jim Lefeld.

Members Absent: none

Members Present: Janet Bills, Rick Osterholt, Tricia Wendel, Wendi Moorman, Jim Lefeld, Eric Koesters, Don Bruggeman, Lisa Moeller, Brian Hemmelgarn, Carmen Beyke

#Council assignments: We voted that our next co-chair would be Doug Speck. He graciously accepted the position.

#Feedback on mass times change – Saturday night 4:30 mass was full and the other masses seemed to have good attendance as well. So far the response has been positive.

#Choosing Life Pregnancy Center-the speaker was at the masses last weekend. There are asking for donations and supplied envelopes to put a donation in. It was felt that we may want to mark these envelopes to make it clearer that the donation is for the Pregnancy Center. Carmen was going to take care of this.

#Sound system update – Deacon Randy Balster stated that they will be having a meeting next Tuesday with some of the musicians, and a few people from the finance and building & ground committee to hopefully get a demonstration on the new tectonic system and to make a decision on if we should proceed.

One Faith One Hope One Love – Backpack Charity – Wendy spoke with St Henry principal Adam Puthoff on this. Coldwater provides backpacks to children in need. There seems to be a need for this in St Henry Schools. We would donate to the provider of the backpacks. Wendy is researching further into this.

#CD Program – At the last council meeting it was suggested that we maybe make a donation for the Kiosk/CDs that parishioners have been using. This money would be used to replenish the CD's etc. It was suggested that it was to be put in the bulletin to see if anyone has any CD's that they would like to bring into the office to donate them back. A check was issued for reimbursement expenses.

#Outdoor Nativity - In regards to storing the nativity, the K of C might have room; however they are waiting until they get all of their items stored first and then let us know. Possibly a few other persons/business may be interested in storing the nativity. Also, Bob Borgerding is willing to construct the manger, and he will be using Kim's grandparent's old barn lumber that was blown down by the tornado.

#Holy Water Dispenser – it was felt that our Holy Water Dispenser that we are currently using is in bad condition. Sue Nietfeld was going to look into the cost of purchasing a new one.

Commission Updates:

Education: The Wifi is completed. The center continues to work on technology updates. The K of C decided to donate \$1,000 to the center for purchase of TVs. Brian Hemmelgarn will be at the next K of C meeting to accept the check. The enrollment is down at the St Henry CCD Center. It was discussed to possibly charge the same amounts for each child so the fee would be consistent throughout the cluster.

Mission: They have a small surplus of money now that the ticket sales have come in. Linda Thieman had pictures of the truck that was donated while in use. The mission breakfast is going to be April 8.

Buildings and Grounds: Doug received a quote from Al Warnock for repair/painting of our current handrails around the outside of the church and thought it was a good idea to go ahead with it.

There was a suggestion about possible redoing the steps in front of the church, and possibly looking into putting in heated steps.

Youth: Nothing to report as of now, since Fr Jim is only getting started with it. Also, hoping to get more children interested in this program.

Worship: There continues to be no formal committee. They are currently seeking volunteers and hopefully will find someone to establish and lead this commission.

Finance: Nothing to report at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing to report at this time.

Next Meeting: Cluster meeting

Tentatively on March 13, 2018 at 7:30 in the CCD center.

Closing Prayer: Our Father