

Cluster 22 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday August 25, 2014 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Hall.

Present: Bill Krahe, Msgr. Stefanko, Tom Sheehan, Msgr. Henchal, Kathy Sparda, Emma Dann, Dave Greeley, John Moreshead, David Steinbrick, Bob Danielson, Kathy Williamson, Chris L'Abbe, Anne Marsh

Absent: Ron McClay, Kelly Dell'Aquila

The meeting opened with a prayer by Monsignor Henchal at 6:35pm.

Due to the photocopier having issues, there was no formal agenda distributed but was verbally outlined:

- Review submitted minutes and reports
- Updates on miscellaneous items
- Ongoing Discussion from book, "Tools for Rebuilding"
- Elections

Minutes from the June 2014 meeting had been approved by email. There were no other submitted reports to review. Two updates were provided:

An outline of upcoming Workshops had been sent to all the Cluster Council members individually. If you are interested in attending, please let Kathy Sparda or Kathy Williamson know. You would pay for the workshop upfront and be eligible for a reimbursement of half the cost after the workshop.

An update on the Parish garden discussion from a past meeting was held. If we are going to do it, planning needs to be occurring now. Unclear if the soil at St. Max is suitable. Next step: Dave Steinbrick offered to call the Maine Extension re: soil testing.

Tom Sheehan presented an update on the financials of the churches and the school.

This update included a recap of how the monies from the St. John's church purchase were distributed and used.

Collection for the school will be October 26th.

Tom updated us on the Parking Lot and natural gas implementation progress at St. John & Holy Cross parish. Much progress has been made this summer.

Monsignor Henchal discussed the plan about increasing the offertory at all the churches. All three Finance Councils have been involved. Talks at the Churches will begin weekend of September 20-21 and go for three weekends. Follow up letters will be used to contact any who don't respond to the other outreach. It was asked that instructions on how to increase via EFT be included. Also discussed second collections and long term viability -- are these useful or do they just need to be better communicated and explained as to their purpose?

Chris L'Abbe provided an update for Holy Cross School having just come from the welcoming Ice Cream Social for the start of the new school year. Student enrollment is at 125. New Language Arts teacher was hired. A new Before & After Care teacher is being hired. The middle school is reformed into a 5th-8th grade with all students having laptops. Grades 3-4 students all have ipads. The rains flooded the basement but new tiles are coming in. All is well and there is good energy.

Postponed our Tools for Rebuilding discussion to the next meeting.

Elections:

Dave Steinbrick has been elected Chairperson.

Anne Marsh as of this meeting is the Secretary.

NEXT MEETING DATE IS OCTOBER 27TH. This will be at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL AT 6:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marsh,

Pastoral Council Secretary