

**CLUSTER 22 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 23, 2015 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church**

Present: David Steinbrick, Kathy Williamson, Msgr, Henschal, Msgr. Stefanko, Anne Marsh, John Moreshead, Ron McClay, Bill Krahe, Chris L'Abbe, Kelly Dell'Aquila, Kathy Sparda, Bob Danielson, Msgr Stefanko, Emma Dann

Meeting opened at 6:35pm with a prayer by Msgr. Henschal.

The minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting were approved via email and have been posted on the web site.

- I. The School Report was presented by Chris L'Abbe, principal. Updates were given on upcoming events: the March 1<sup>st</sup> Open House and Strategic Planning sessions as well as the upcoming second collection at Masses where Holy Cross Students will be at the Masses. The School is doing well and is very busy. Great work using the ipads with the Literacy coach. 5<sup>th</sup> grade becoming a part of the middle school team is going very well.

New Superintendent has been named for the Catholics Schools in Maine.

Holy Cross students holding the Stations of the Cross during Lent Fridays at 2:15pm. All invited; also mentioned in Bulletin.

Bei Capelli fundraiser with proceeds going to the school will be held March 16<sup>th</sup>.

- II. Update Social Justice & Catholic Service Committee:
  - a. Community Garden
    - i. Community garden is slated to be at St Maximilian where there is space to create one.
    - ii. Grant was applied for and received, \$4000.
  - b. Matthew 25 Fund
    - i. Discussed need to match services with requests and how to optimally do that. Is there a way to build a list of services and providers available? There may be some issues to further research with that. We'll wait for a recommendation.
- III. Financial Report
  - a. Was distributed. Msgr. Henschal provided an overview.

- IV. Cluster Council review and input – Tools for Rebuilding
- a. The Council have read Tools for Rebuilding and we focused on two chapters for discussion at this meeting.
  - b. From our discussions of the Chapters, Strategic Tools and Weekend Tools, we
  - c. Agreed to the following recommendations:
    - i. Hold NameTag Sunday more frequently to encourage people to know and learn each other's names
    - ii. More consistent approach and use of the Ushers/Greeters – so that parishioners and visitors to our churches are greeted similarly and feel welcomed. This is a Ministry in itself and a first impression of who we are and want to be.
    - iii. "Sound equipment" training. Although we may not be able to improve the sound acoustic equipment at all the churches at this time, a recommendation was made to train all who use the microphones in the most effective way to use them so that everyone in the entire church can hear: the announcement, the psalms, the music, the prayers, the Word of God from the lectors.
    - iv. Recruit more people and families to bring up the Gifts for the Offering. This is a welcoming gesture and can help in making a person or family feel very included in our celebration versus having the same people do it. It was noted that the children do it during the children's liturgy at 930 Mass but there are times when the children's liturgy is not held.
    - v. Music. Begin to move to have all the churches on the same page/vision. There are also liturgical principles to be considered as well .
  - d. Next steps:

In emails, after our meeting, email discussions were held as to how best to communicate and begin to implement some of these recommendations and with whom to work. In our next meeting, we will discuss our approaches.
- V. Membership change.
- a. Emma Dann, rep for St. Maximilian, has announced her resignation from the Council effective at the end of her term in June. She has a new job in Massachusetts that makes continuing on the Council very difficult. Congratulations, Emma on your new position and thank you for all your work on the Council!

**Next Meeting for Cluster Council will be Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Anne Marsh, Council Secretary