

**QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED 02/26/2008**

January 22, 2008

O'Brien Social Hall – St. Patrick Parish, 7:00 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Jane Giese Mike Hogan Joseph Jacques Lisa Niemuth	Perry Paul Carol Ray Betty Staeven Eric Van
ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Marilyn Govek Kathy LaLuzerne Kathy Maurer Dick Radosevich	Kim Schneider Paul Slatky Barb Staudenmaier Tim Younk
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Rheda Jelen Rod Klingbeil Jerry Krausert Martin Kyles	Beth Markon Jerry Meyer Larry Sterckx Terry Pasterski
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Mary Ann Daniel Terry Juley Karen Konop-Bastien	Debra Leisgang Jacob Slavek
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Don Everts	Father Andrew Kysely

<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer.
<b>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:</b>	The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of November 27, 2007 were reviewed and approved as submitted. There were no additions to the agenda.

<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>REPORT/DISCUSSION:</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<b>COMMISSION REPORTS:</b>	<p>The Annunciation Parish representatives were assigned to present the commission reports at this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Life Commission – For a Lenten project, the Community Life Commission plans to prepare cards with the names of parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. At each church, parish members will be asked to take a card home and to pray for the person whose name they have selected during the Lenten season. They will be encouraged to send greetings to this individual as well. Project preparations had to be rescheduled due to a snowstorm. Pastoral council members commented on the positive feedback from the people who received the poinsettias and cards through the Christmas project.</li> <li>• Faith Formation Commission – The Faith Formation Commission is coordinating a quad-parish pictorial directory. The timeline for production of the directory was reviewed. A Lenten parish mission is scheduled for the end of February. Father Dave Pleier and Sister Mary Jo Kirt will present the program. One session is scheduled for mornings with a repeat of the same session in the evenings. St. Jude Parish's Women's Club is sponsoring a chili supper on January 26, 2008. Pictures taken during the 50th anniversary celebration will be on display. The event is open to everyone.</li> <li>• School Board – Council members were reminded the Mardi Gras fundraising event will be held on February 1, 2008. Tickets will</li> </ul>	<p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p>

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	<p>be sold after the Masses and are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. A study is underway to determine if there is an interest for a 4-year-old kindergarten program at Holy Apostle’s School. A class would be offered if enough children can be registered, with the hope being the children would continue their grade school education at Holy Apostle’s School. In response to a question from council members as to the references to “1000,” “2000,” “3000” etc. policies, it was explained the diocese has school policies that must be reviewed and acted on by all school boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Concerns Commission – There was a good response to the Christmas Giving Tree project. The current project is “Hearts for Love Life” which collects needed items for babies. Ideas for a Lenten project include distribution of rosaries from the Knights of Columbus or collecting books and magazines to be donated to the COTS program at St. John the Evangelist Church. A question was raised as to when Fair Trade coffees and teas would be offered for sale again. Commission members indicated they were interested in having another sale but must be careful not to interfere with the school fundraisers, which also sell coffee. The school will be conducting its next sale prior to Easter, with Seroogy’s candies and coffees. Groups are still needed to prepare meals for the NEW Community Shelter on the fourth Monday of each month. Openings exist for March, April and May. Council members were asked to continue suggesting this project as an activity for parish groups.</li> <li>• Stewardship Commission – Stewardship Commission representatives met with Sister Pat to clarify the content of the welcoming book/stewardship guide/ministry guide. The commission continues to solicit information from the various parish groups as to their mission statements, their membership, their meeting times and a contact person.</li> <li>• Worship Commission – The Worship Commission conducted a debriefing of the Advent and Christmas activities, which for the most part received a positive response. The Lenten theme will be “Return to the Lord with your whole heart.” The “Little Black Book” will be made available again during Lent, requesting a \$1 donation per book. One evening Mass will be available during the Lenten season as an option for people who can’t attend morning Masses but would like to include Mass in their Lenten routine. The Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at Annunciation Parish. Stations of the Cross will follow. All parishes are recruiting for servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. It was noted adults may volunteer to be servers.</li> </ul>	<p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p>	<p><u>Mass Schedules</u> – Father Don reviewed the current Mass schedules at all four parishes, noting two of those times – the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish and the Saturday 6:00 p.m. Mass at Annunciation – have been poorly received and led to some negative effects for those parishes. In a recent meeting with diocesan representatives, Father Don was informed a retired priest would be assigned to the quad-parishes allowing changes to be made to the</p>	<p>After discussion, the council approved the proposed change in Mass schedules effective the first weekend in March. The revised Mass times will be announced starting at this weekend’s Masses, they will be</p>

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	<p>Mass schedules. With this additional assistance, it will be possible to return to a Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish and a Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass at Annunciation.</p> <p><u>Council Meeting Schedules</u> – After six months of conducting meetings using the current schedule, Father Don questioned whether this arrangement continued to be acceptable for the group, i.e. bimonthly individual pastoral council meetings either before or after the quad-parish council meeting, and a joint council meeting including representatives from all parishes ten months per year.</p>	<p>published in the bulletin, and an explanation will also be included so there will be a common understanding at all four parishes as to what changed that allowed reconsideration of the Mass schedules prior to the one year time limit initially agreed upon.</p> <p>The Quad-Parish Council agreed they preferred the present format and the consensus was to continue scheduling meetings using the current arrangement.</p>
OTHER BUSINESS:	<p><u>Advancing the Mission Follow-Up</u> – A question was raised as to allocation of the Advancing the Mission funds since none of the three parishes that have completed this campaign achieved their goals. Father Don reported the Finance Committees at each of the three parishes decided to use the funds toward reducing their parishes' debts.</p> <p><u>Agenda Attachments</u> – A question was raised as to whether all of the Faith Formation reports needed to be included in the quad-parish council agenda attachments. Noting that the information in these reports is not available through any other documents, most of the council members preferred to keep receiving the reports. It was suggested council members could read the reports online and not print them, or use duplex printing.</p>	<p>Council members requested updates on their individual parish's debt at their separate council meetings.</p> <p>Council members were reminded minutes from all of the parish commissions and committees are available through the quad-parish website. Those who do not have access to the internet may contact Laurie at the Quad-Parish Office to make arrangements for receiving a copy.</p> <p>The consensus of the quad-parish council members was to continue providing all reports presently sent with the meeting agenda.</p>

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder