

QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED 01/22/2008

November 27, 2007

St. Joseph Parish, 7:00 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Joe Arttus Jane Giese Mike Hogan Joseph Jacques	Carol Ray Betty Staeven Eric Van
ST. JOSEPH PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Audrey Conard Marilyn Govek Kathy LaLuzerne Kathy Maurer Dick Radosevich	Kim Schneider Paul Slatky Barb Staudenmaier Mary Sullivan
ST. JUDE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Rheda Jelen Rod Klingbeil Sheila Kujava Beth Markon	Jerry Meyer Terry Pasterski Larry Sterckx Margaret Yakel
ST. PATRICK PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:	Lisa Cochrane Mary Ann Daniel Greg Gloe Terri Juley	Karen Konop-Bastien Debra Leisgang Bob Rose Jacob Slavek
PASTORAL STAFF:	Father Don Everts	

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer led by Karen Konop-Bastien.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	<p>The quad-parish pastoral council meeting minutes of October 23, 2007 were reviewed and approved as submitted.</p> <p>Several additions to the agenda were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under “Old Business,” an update on St. Jude Parish’s 50th Anniversary was added. • A request was made to discuss reducing the number of quad-council meetings but, after further consideration of the types of items the council has had to address at these meetings and the timelines for decisions, it was agreed it was probably not feasible to reduce the ten meetings per year that are currently on the schedule. • A question was raised regarding Christmas decorations but it was suggested that item either be referred to the Worship Commission or discussed with Father Don after the Quad-Council meeting.

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COMMISSION REPORTS:	<p>The St. Patrick Parish representatives were assigned to present the commission reports at this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Life Commission – The commission met with some committee leaders from a couple of the parishes and discussed how the commission could assist with the functions and activities of these groups. The commission is still in the initial stages of formation and establishing its relationship with other commissions and committees. • Faith Formation Commission –The three-year Adult Faith Formation Plan was distributed to the council for review and approval. The content was developed based on responses from a survey of parishioners conducted a couple of years ago. Council 	<p>No action required.</p> <p>The Quad-Parish Council approved the three-year Adult Faith Formation plan.</p>

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	<p>members found the plan to be very comprehensive, offering a broad spectrum of topics and a variety of opportunities to participate in this type of activity.</p> <p>The Middle and High School Youth Groups are planning mission activities, both of which will involve fundraising for financial support. The Parent-Teacher Organization and the Faith Formation Commission have both approved the fundraising proposal. The Quad-Parish Council was approached at this time for its support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board – The proposed tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year were reviewed. It was noted other area parochial schools were contacted regarding their tuition fees and Holy Apostles School continues to have the lowest tuition. It was also pointed out that tuition assistance is available and not all funds were used this year. <p>In response to a question from the council about the recruitment and marketing activities of the school, it was reported Deacon Ray DuBois is offering a school marketing program through the diocese for school principals that Jeanine plans to attend. Also, the “Bear-ly Recruiting” activity is underway whereby a school board member is notified of upcoming baptisms occurring at each of the quad-parish churches and contact is made with the parents to initiate a relationship early in the child’s life with the school programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Concerns Commission – A shelter will be designated for each parish during the Advent season and parishioners will be encouraged to participate in giving gifts suggested by the shelter. Participation in the prayer shawl activity continues to grow. A tour of the NEW Community Shelter has been scheduled for December 11th at 6:30 p.m. • Stewardship Commission – The Stewardship Commission continued its work on the booklet addressed at the last council meeting, including design of the booklet’s cover. The Stewardship Commission still needs to be meet with the Faith Formation Commission to finalize content. The goal is to complete the booklet by this spring. • Worship Commission – As noted in the written commission report, the “Little Blue Book” will be made available to all parishioners again this Advent, with a request that \$1 per book be donated to contribute to the book’s cost. The Pre-Advent Night of Reflection, presented by Father Conrad Kratz, was well attended and well received. Monday evenings have been determined to be a successful time to schedule evening prayer services, noting announcing these events at the Masses on the Sundays before seem to assist parishioners in remembering the service, before the activities of the week lead to distractions. 	<p>The Quad-Parish Council approved the fundraising proposal submitted by the youth groups.</p> <p>The Quad-Parish Council approved proposed tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year. The council also requested that school board representatives present this information to the Finance Committees of each parish for review and feedback.</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required.</p>

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<p>OLD BUSINESS:</p>	<p><u>Parish Vision and Parish Identity</u> – Each parish continues to work on its own vision and goals. No questions or concerns were voiced at this time.</p> <p><u>St. Jude Parish 50th Anniversary Update</u> – The formal anniversary celebration in October went very well and the planning group wishes to continue holding events throughout the year to recognize St. Jude’s 50th anniversary. The next event will be a chili supper on January 26th. A free will offering is being requested and the money collected will be used to fund a meal for the Room at the Inn. The pictures and decorations displayed at the banquet at the Riverside Ballroom will be featured again at the chili supper as well. It was also noted the Riverside Ballroom staff were very supportive and accommodating to St. Jude Parish during this event. The Mardi Gras celebration will be held at this venue in 2008 as well, and other groups planning events that require a banquet site were encouraged by the anniversary planning group to consider using the Riverside Ballroom as well. The planning group was disappointed announcements about St. Jude Parish’s events were not printed in many of the other local churches’ bulletins, but the feeling was that may have been due to not having enough space to include those announcements in addition to the churches’ regular notices.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p>	<p>There was no new business.</p>	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS:</p>	<p><u>Advancing the Mission</u> – In response to a question as to the status of the Advancing the Mission campaign, it was reported none of the four parishes met their contribution goals. Thus, each parish’s Finance Committee will need to review the funds available from this campaign and determine how the monies should be allocated toward the projects identified at the start of the campaign.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items on the quad-parish council agenda, the meeting was adjourned and a tour of the Faith Formation Center followed.

NEXT QUAD-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Markon, Recorder