

CLUSTER 22 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 28 2019 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Present: David Steinbrick, Dave Greeley, Anne Marsh, John Moreshead, Terry Gray, Jennifer Hansen, Ed McGarrity, Father Innocent, Kris Benson, Monsignor Paul Stefanko

Absent: Amanda Doherty, Richard Borrelli, Deacon Mark Tuttle

Meeting opened at 6:30pm with a prayer by Monsignor Paul.

- I. Election of Officers. As this was the first full meeting of the Council, election of the officers was held. Motioned, approved and voted in as officers are: John Moreshead, St. John & Holy Cross, as Chair; Amanda Doherty, St. Maximilian Kolbe, as Vice Chair and Anne Marsh, St. John & Holy Cross as Secretary.

After the election of officers, the Council received copies of the Council norms and policies for review.

Monsignor informed the Council that the Catholic Leadership Initiative (CLI) survey would be available February 16th as it was time for the follow up survey to the parishioners. Although our Cluster had some delays in finalizing our Plan due to the transition of leadership, the CLI survey timing had to be followed. The survey will be used to collect feedback and gauge progress on the initiatives completed and those underway. Feedback will also be used to consider if initiatives to the Plan need to be changed or not. Paper surveys will also be provided for those who prefer paper to electronic survey completion. The Survey deadline is March 18th with results available in the Spring. Results will be communicated to the Parishes when available.

Discussion was held in great detail as to the timeline of the communications surrounding the survey and the survey itself. Jennifer Hansen volunteered to draft a message from the Council with their input to be shared early in March to encourage and remind parishioners of the survey.

- II. Review of documents/homework.

The Council had copies of the Pastoral Plan and discussion was held as to how the communication of the implementation of the goals within was occurring. Who was accountable for what? That led to a discussion of the Committee Handbook which has been drafted by Staff. Kris Benson will send the draft to current Committees to obtain their input on it and then provide the update to the Council for further review. A Handbook of Committees within the Cluster with contacts will be very helpful to all.

Also discussed were the reports the Council will receive from the Committees. Council would like to see Committee Plans, Status of plans, barriers or obstacles they are facing and would like to know what if any assistance they may need.

We also briefly discussed the Telling Anew the Story of Jesus article we had as homework. The article was a catalyst for the Council to outline suggestions to create more active communication with the parishioners and the Council. A Committee corner was suggested where the Council and the Committees could post their meeting minutes at each Parish on a bulletin board available to all. Minutes from the Council meetings may also be included as an insert to bulletins at times. To better enable two way communication, a suggestion box was also suggested. The suggestion boxes will be built and installed in the Narthex of each Church. Timing for the boxes as soon as able to be built and delivered. Contents will be collected and reviewed every week. Lastly posting pictures of the Cluster Council on the bulletin board under Committee Corner was also agreed upon to allow parishioners who may not know all their Council members to recognize them and communicate with them as desired.

Father Innocent mentioned that the current parishioner database has a lot of data and feedback within it but there is no structured way to 'mine' that. Ideas were discussed as to how we might be able to obtain some assistance with that.

Lastly, we discussed that revisiting the Parish Plan goals with the Committees was a good idea. Quite a few Plan goals and activities have happened already. We learned that the Finance Councils had a joint meeting and discussed our Council having a joint meeting(s) with the Finance Councils and other Committees during this upcoming year.

The next meeting will be March 25th at 6:30pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe. The schedule of 2019 Council meetings for the year is:

March 25

June 3

September 23

November 25

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm with a prayer from Father Innocent.

Respectfully submitted: Anne Marsh, Council Secretary