

Tri Parish Council Meeting
March 24, 2015; 7pm at Holy Redeemer Church, Elba
Minutes

1. Call to Order: Fr Kurt called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.
2. Roll Call:
 - a. St. Charles: Joan Pollema, Marilyn McGuire, Diane LeClair
 - b. St. Aloysius: Deb Heim, Cathy Schleck, Sue Mathison, Julie Buehler, Elaine Burke
 - c. Holy Redeemer: Mike Walsh, Jim Klavetter, Bridget Ideker, Mary Matzke, Rita Kullot & Jim Hobbs
 - d. Staff: Fr. Kurt Farrell, Becky Storey Hunder
3. Old Business
 - a. DOW Anniversary Books: Anniversary Books that had not been passed out were given to the council members that were at the meeting and everyone was thanked for their gift of time to their parishes.
 - b. Adult Faith Formation: Symbolon. Becky reported that the online subscription is done in August. After discussion a motion was made by Marilyn McGuire to not renew the online subscription but to buy two more sets of DVDs. Each church would have a set available for anyone who wants to view the series or hold a class. By buying the sets now we will be able to print off the questions that go with each lesson. Motion Passed.
 - c. Easter Mass Times: Becky listed the times for each of the Holy Day Masses and Services. It was noted that Fr. Jim Russell will be celebrating the Mass at St. Aloysius on Easter Morning.
4. New Business:
 - a. Finance Report: Fr Kurt reported that all of the goals for 2015 went up 3%. Our Tri Parishes are consistent with their giving, reaching their goal or getting very close. The Diocese recently offered a grant program to parishes that did not meet their goal. The program would require them to apply, then they could get 50% of their goal paid. Fr Kurt reported that the Tri Parish Finance Council did not feel this was fair to the parishes that had met their goals and it brought up the question of where the money is coming from to pay these shortages, is it because the budget was set higher than needed, etc. The TP Finance Council voted to write a letter signed by all of them, suggesting that they either lower the goals or offer loans instead of grants.
 - b. Resource Center: Becky reported that the ministerium of SC decided to once again hold the "Resource Rally" to raise funds for the SE MN Rural Resource Center in St. Charles. Each of the parishes will hold bake sales before the April 26th event. The event will have a dinner, silent auction and live music.
 - c. Guatemala Mission: Fr Kurt reported that after two years the \$15000 needed to build the house for Bonafacio had been completed. After discussion a motion was made by Mike Walsh to again pledge 1% of each parishes Adult giving for the year and raise another \$15000 to build another house. If the \$15000 is not raised in time to go this year then we will wait until the money is raised and go the next year. Motion was 2nd by Marilyn McGuire and passed.
 - d. Vision 2016: It was reported that the first Vision 2016 would be held on April 10 at St. Aloysius from 6-9pm. It was noted that the moving of parishes to oratory status is fueled mainly by the shortage of priests. Cathy noted that Winona's Pastoral Plan is similar to the Arch Diocese Strategic plan, with the difference being the Arch

Diocese is more of a business plan and the Winona Diocese is more pastoral. Deb Heim noted that there was a meeting at St. Aloysius the Saturday before this meeting at St. Aloysius. From that meeting there was a group of people who want to meet to put together a 2nd option to give to the Bishop in addition to the Vision 2016 plan. It was noted that there are very specific parameters or guidelines for a second proposal and that those parameters can make it very difficult to form one. It was agreed that if the group wants to try to form an alternate plan that they could. The meeting on April 10th would have representatives from each parish there to work with the Team Works group (facilitating the meeting) to work on the plan for moving St. Aloysius to oratory status. Other people are welcome to come and observe the meeting, but it was noted that only the representatives are allowed to participate. Dave Heim from St. Aloysius was present and stated his concern that the Diocese did not seem to be truthful. The representatives from each parish are: Jack LaValla and Dale Gathje from St. Charles; Deb Heim, Bernie Siebenaler and Cathy Schleck from St. Aloysius; and Brian Ideker and Jane Hobbs from Holy Redeemer.

- e. Springfest: Becky reported that the SC Council will be having Springfest on May 17th and that they have decided to move it to the Church Location instead of at the Winona County Fairgrounds.
- f. Building and Grounds Reports:
 - i. St. Charles: Becky reported that Charlie was unavailable for the meeting, she reported for him. Mulch has been brought in for around the trees and a new sign to put Mass times on was donated to the church, a location for the sign is yet to be determined.
 - ii. St. Aloysius: Chuck Koestler had no report.
 - iii. Holy Redeemer: Jim Hobbs reported the following.
 - 1. The Holy Redeemer Rectory was the host site for Family Promise (formally IHN), the week of March 8th-15th. We assisted three families. Contact Kathy Schumann if you wish to become a volunteer.
 - 2. The city of Eyota will replace water and sewer lines, plus major street updates including curb and gutter around the Church property on 2nd street, 3rd street and South Avenue this summer. Jim Nigon, Brian Idecker and Jim Hobbs attended a planning meeting held to inform all property owners affected by the project.
 - 3. Sidewalk replacement to the Education Center will wait until the city completes the street upgrades.
 - 4. Repair and improvement projects continue to be worked on as suggested by the Catholic Mutual Group.
- g. Faith Formation Report: Becky read report submitted by Nichole Paladie
 - i. Testing of students on their prayers are ongoing and going very good.
 - ii. Nichole feels that the teaches we have this year are very strong and committed to their teaching.
 - iii. There was a great response by the students of Fr John Amsberry's talk, very positive.
 - iv. This Friday, March 27th there will be dramatic stations of the Cross at Holy Redeemer with a Soup supper beforehand, everyone is invited to attend.

- v. Sacramental Prep is going well. Confirmation students have completed their letters to the Bishop and are now meeting with Fr Kurt for their Confirmation Interviews.
 - h. Pastors Report: Fr Kurt expressed his concern for St. Aloysius.
- 5. Round Table: Becky asked the council members if there was anything they wanted to share or bring up for a vote:
 - a. St. Charles and St. Aloysius did not have anything to report or share.
 - b. Holy Redeemer: Mary Matzke informed everyone about the Divine Mercy Service that would be held on April 12th at 2pm at St. Charles Borromeo. It will be held from 2-3:15pm. Fr Kurt noted that Fr Freich and Fr Thompson would be there to help hear confessions. He asked Mary to make sure Chatfield and Lewiston were invited and that they have all of the information because they will not have any kind of Devine mercy Sunday activity at their parishes.
- 6. Next Meeting: Becky noted that the next meeting is May 26 at St. Aloysius, 6:30 prayer and 7:00pm meeting.
- 7. Motion to adjourn Bridget Ideker; 2nd Jim Klavetter, motion passed.
- 8. Council closed with an "Our Father"