

Tri Parish Council Meeting  
November 17, 2015; 7pm at St. Aloysius, Elba  
Minutes

1. Call to Order: Fr Kurt started meeting with a prayer.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. St. Charles: Marilyn McGuire, Dale Hinckley, Tom Vega, Tim Indahl, Paul Reisdorf, Jose Rojas
  - b. St. Aloysius: Cathy Schleck, Sue Mathison, Elaine Burke, Bernie Siebenaler
  - c. Holy Redeemer: Mary Matzke, Jim Hobbs, Bridget Ideker, Chris Johnson
  - d. Staff: Fr. Kurt Farrell, Becky Storey Hunder and Nichole Paladie
3. Old Business
  - a. Welcome: Becky introduced the newest members of the council to the group and they were welcomed and thanked for their willingness to serve.
  - b. Vision 2016:
    - i. Becky reported that the next meeting is this Saturday, November 21 at 9am at Holy Redeemer in Eyota. All of the council was invited and encouraged to come as leadership of the parishes. A brief summary was given of the Vision 2016 process for the new council members.
    - ii. Inventories: Part of the Vision 2016 Process is that each parish do a complete inventory of the buildings. All of the parishes have completed their inventories and any pictures that were taken have been printed. All will be added to the binders.
    - iii. Welcome Committee/Coordinator: Discussion on how to welcome people to the parish during this transition time was discussed. St. Aloysius council members advised that it would be good to maybe come up with a flyer with information on ministries and activities at St. Charles and Holy Redeemer. They did not think having someone visit or call families from St. Aloysius would be a good idea. SA members are still hurt and being that forward would be too much. Becky noted that our Tri Parishes already had a welcome booklet that we could update and offer as information for people. Becky will work on it and try to have a copy for the council.
  - c. Picture Directory: Becky reported that she had completed the rosters for the Directory and will be sending in the final product soon. Is a little concerned that many numbers may be incorrect with people dropping land lines and going with their cell phones. Most of the time people do not update that information with the church.
  - d. Christmas Mass Times: Were reviewed by the council. Fr. Kurt talked with Jose the Hispanic rep and since we are not having an 11:30am Mass this year, the 10:00am Mass on Christmas Day will be Bilingual.
4. New Business:
  - a. Love and Logic Presentation: Emily Tweten was present to talk about the Parenting class she would like to have or offer at St. Charles Borromeo. She gave details on how it has helped her family and that she has recently been trained to teach the class. It is a six week course that she would offer for \$50/family (to help cover curriculum cost). She also wanted to start small by offering it to the first 10 families that registered. It would be offered to all families in the communities of St. Charles and Dover/Eyota. The council was asked to consider hosting or support the class. Becky explained to the council that the class would need to become a church sponsored event in order to make sure the event was covered by our insurance. After discussion, Dale Hinckley made a

- motion to support the Parent Program, noting that it fits in with our Tri Parish Mission. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn McGuire. Motion passed.
- b. Social Justice: The Diocese of Winona had a Social Justice Conference recently and Fr Kurt asked Nichole to go. Nichole was available this night to report on what the conference was about. She reported that the purpose of this conference was to raise awareness in all of the parishes in the Diocese about the need for social action in our parishes and communities. There are many things already happening, and different ways we discussed about how to let our Parish members know about those activities. One of the things they suggested for the parishes was to have a Social Justice Committee. This committee would help educate the parishes on activities already going on in our communities and even look beyond them to the more global social justice, like our sister parish in Guatemala. The Council was asked if they would support having a committee for the Tri Parishes. After discussion a motion was made by Tim Indahl to support a committee lead by Nichole and that Bridget Ideker would be a part of that committee to report to the Parish Councils. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Matzke. Motion passed.
  - c. Faith Formation Report: Nichole reported that classes are going very well this year and she is so pleased with the teachers and parent helpers. Offering Adoration and prayer at both parishes has been a great focus for the youth. New this year for youth ministry has been "Radiant Adoration" which is an hour of praise and worship and music, intercessory prayer and silence. We have had youth and have seen many adults as well take advantage of this time.
  - d. Year of Mercy: Fr Kurt reported that Pope Francis has declared 2016 a year of mercy, starting on Dec 8. The focus being on God's mercy and forgiveness for us and reconciliation with our neighbors and family. Becky noted that the Diocese has offered banners for purchase. A motion was made by Bridget Ideker to purchase one banner for each parish. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Indahl, motion passed.
    - i. At this point Fr Kurt brought up a concern he has about the confessional in St. Charles. In the interest of being more transparent during reconciliation he would like to have the door to the confessional switched out to have a window in it. He used the Tri Parish Office door as an example. The council felt that if it helped Fr Kurt and it was still a space where people could not be heard, that it would fine. A motion was made by Dale Hinckley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bridget Ideker to have the door replaced. Motion passed. Becky will contact Dale Gathje to inquire about the switch.
  - e. Prayer for Missalets: Becky reported that the new missalets would be put in the pews soon and wanted to know if the council wanted to continue with the prayer of St. Michael or have a prayer for the year of mercy?. During discussion it was noted that the Prayer of St. Michael is a prayer of protection and that we should keep the prayer. It was also noted that since it is the year of mercy we should raise awareness by have a year of mercy prayer. After discussion a motion was made by Elaine Burke to have the prayer recited before Mass, be a Prayer of Mercy prayer and to include the St. Michael prayer on the card for people to pray silently. 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Reisdorf, motion passed with 2 members opposing.
  - f. Gus Lloyd Book: Becky reported that a parishioner had approached her about a booklet called "A Minute in the Church, The Mass" to put in the pew for people to take. He thought it would be a good teaching tool for people and maybe answer some questions people may have about the Mass. The book can be bought in bulk at \$1 apiece. Becky noted that it might be a good book to send home with each of the faith

formation families. Fr Kurt noted that we just gave out books from Matthew Kelly and if we were to do it, Lent would be a good time. Thought a Spanish version would be nice to have too. Motion was made by Marilyn McGuire to get 400 books in time for lent to pass out to faith formation families and put in the pews at each of the parishes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Hinckley, motion passed.

- g. Rediscovering Jesus Books: These books donated by Matthew Kelly to the Diocese of Winona and then given to each of the parishes was distributed to all of the Faith Formation families and then placed in the pews for people to take, read and share. Many books were taken, there are only a few left in the pews at each church. We were given 800 books so we do have about 80 books left, they are in the kiosk at St. Charles Borromeo. It was noted that Fr Kurt will have a one night book club to talk about the book in January.
- h. Screen Proposal: Becky presented a proposal from the SC Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding a Screen for the sanctuary of the church. Thoughts that the council had included: that if we were going to get the projector system, it would be better to wait until we can get the whole system not just the screen. Another thought, it would be better to wait until the debt has been paid off and there were concerns about having a screen at all. A motion was made by Marilyn McGuire and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Hinckley to not buy the screen now. Motion passed.
- i. Eyota Development: Fr Kurt reported that the City of Eyota has started a City planning committee in which they requested members from each parish to be involved. Vince McConnell and Jim Hobbs will be representing Holy Redeemer.
- j. Finance Report: Becky noted that the minutes from the last finance Committee meeting were attached to the agenda for members to review. It was noted that when the Diocese closed the Diocesan bank, Premier bank offered to take on the loans that parishes had with the Diocese. Our loan is going to be with Premier.
  - i. Diocesan Appeal numbers were reported to the group and were from reports dated October 26. To make their goals each church needs to raise the following: SC \$9600; SA \$3440; HR 4370
- k. Building and Grounds Reports:
  - i. St. Aloysius: No Report
  - ii. Holy Redeemer: Jim Hobbs submitted a report, see notes from this meeting attached.
  - iii. St. Charles: No Report
- l. Pastors Report: Fr Kurt reported that he has had a lot of requests to see the flags brought into the church areas of each parish. St. Aloysius already has theirs up in the church. Holy Redeemer and St. Charles would need to move theirs into the nave of the churches. Motion was made by Fr Kurt on behalf of those requesting, to move the Papal Flag and American Flag into the church. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn McGuire, motion passed.

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: No Report
- b. St. Aloysius: Cathy Schleck asked Fr Kurt why, for holy days of obligation there is not a 7pm Mass at any of the Tri Parishes. With it being during the week (Immaculate Conception) it is really hard for working people to get to the 5:30pm vigil and 7:00am Masses. It was noted that the 7pm vigil and the 7am Mass are hard for older people to get to. It was suggested to accommodate that, we should move the 7am to 8am on Dec. 8. Motion was made by Marilyn McGuire to have a 7pm Vigil Immaculate Conception Mass at Holy Redeemer on Dec 7 and an 8am Immaculate Conception Mass

on Dec. 8 at St. Charles. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Indahl, motion passed. Becky will make sure the change is announced in the bulletin, website, and answering machine at the church.

c. Holy Redeemer: No Report

6. Next Meeting: Becky noted that the next meeting is January 19, 2016 at St. Charles Borromeo; 6:30 prayer and 7:00pm meeting.
7. Motion to adjourn Tim Indahl ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by everyone, motion passed.
8. Council closed with prayer 8:50pm

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**Holy Redeemer**  
Buildings & Grounds Report

The Church has updates on these items:

1. The air conditioner for Marion Hall required re-charging before the Fall Festival by Braun Heating and Air Conditioning. Replacement should be considered before any significant additional expenses.
2. Thank you to the Work Camp team that came to Holy Redeemer. They completed tasks cleaning and preserving the Church pews and the final cleaning of the Rectory garage.
3. The street project is in the finishing phase for this fall with sodding to take place around all of the Church property if the weather permits. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and final lift of asphalt and painting of parking lot lines is scheduled for next summer.