

TRUSTING in the SPIRIT IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
Minutes for August 19, 2009

Cluster Parishes Present: Holy Family, St. Boniface, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart:

Father Bowens, Jeannette Jessop, Jerry Jessop, Jake Rockweiler, Don Fleming, Nora Durst, Betty Durst, Vera Mihlbauer, Brenda Faber, Mary Beth Nachreiner, Dan Clary, [Jim? &] Ellen Backes; Mary Beth Nachreiner; Lenny Schaub, Tracy Gruber, Mary Williams, Maureen Krueger,

Minutes from April meeting were approved.

Reports:

1. Reviewed the minutes from the Cluster Pastoral Council meeting from July. Noted planning of joint RCIA is underway and the Cluster Food Pantry collection.
2. Cluster Health Committee met Sept. 9 and is hosting a session on Women's Health Issues on Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family. Tammy Koenecke will be the speaker.
3. Confirmation team wants to meet even before the Confirmation date is given so that pre-planning—including music—with cluster teams can be done. Still waiting on Diocese's decision on date and region.
4. The Cluster Social Justice group will meet on September 1 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Tom Nelson (Rural Life Coordinator from Catholic Charities) will talk with the group about rural food issues: "When did food become a product?"

Items Discussed:

1. **Implementation Team Response to Proposed Merger of Loreto & Lime Ridge**
 - St. Patrick's group met with the St. Luke's Cluster and presented our reorganization proposal to them. The other Cluster was not opposed to anything in our proposal.
 - The Diocese has asked for a listening session to have more information given to them and they are asking for more specific data to support this proposal.
 - Lenny Schaub will contact parishioners of St. Patrick's (as well as priests involved) to give two to three possible dates for a meeting of parishioners and other interested parties with members of the Diocesan Implementation team. This meeting will be an opportunity for both sides to present their case to the Diocesan Implementation team. Suggestion was made to use the information from the minutes of the meeting St. Pat's held a few years ago and the minutes from the recent meeting St. Pat's group attended with the St. Luke's Cluster
 - Mary Williams will ask Grant Emmel for the data that the diocese used to shift Loreto to Cluster 230. She will also ask him what kind of data the Diocesan Implementation Committee is seeking from us.
 - Fr. Bowens and members from St. Patrick's will try to find the meeting reports from the two meetings held to discuss the merger proposal and to procure signatures from the parishioners of St. Patrick's.
 - When the diocese responds with a date for the meeting, St. Patrick's-Loreto will invite parishioners and host the meeting—hopefully sometime early this fall.

2. Action Plans with Fall 2009 Deadlines:

- a. Worship Opportunities Posted on S.H. Web Site: send all info. to Dick Stransky at Stransky@rucls.net or call 524-2412, ext 17.
- b. Joint Choir: Dick Stransky, Jeanette Jessop Rachel Brunner, Julie Hineman, Mary Beth Nachreiner will meet to begin planning. They will begin work on Confirmation music, then plan a joint hymn fest.
- c. Form Cluster Liturgy Team: Jay Brunken, Deacon Tom Hale, Mary Williams (all from Sacred Heart); Rachel Brunner (S. Pat's); Julie Hineman.(S.Boniface); Jeanette Jessop (Holy Family) will form the team. They will be responsible for organizing joint workshops for liturgical ministry training and sharing resources for liturgical environments.
- d. Form a Collaborative Confirmation Planning Team: Mary Ann Polcyn, Nora Durst, Cindy Brickl and Brenda Faber will form the team, plan joint Confirmation retreats and programs and share instructional resources to prepare confirmandi in the future. Kevin Sullivan (S.H. Rel. Ed. coordinator for high school students) will be invited to join this group.
- e. Create a cluster welcoming committee: Fr. Bowens suggested that he and Deacon Tom Hale work on this in conjunction with their joint RCIA committee work.
- f. Tracy Gruber asked us to look at the goal to have all parishes in the cluster support the Catholic schools attended by their children. Cluster parishes would like copies of the school flyers/pamphlets. Mike Rocha will be asked to speak to each parish in the winter. Mary W. presented information from the Sacred Heart Finance Council that the cost of tuition is only 1/3 of the cost of the education and that Sacred Heart is paying the other 2/3 of those not in S.H. parish. We were reminded of the fundraiser that each parish is supposed to have to give financial support to the Catholic schools that service cluster students.
- b. Youth and Family Minister- Although the hiring of a youth and family minister has been delayed due to financial circumstances, Brenda Faber (St. Pat's, Loreto) will be starting a monthly youth ministry get-together for middle school rel. ed. students and invites the other parishes to send their students if they are able. Brenda Faber and Tracy Gruber will reconvene the YFM committee to come up with suggestions for ways to reach this population without and paid position. It was also decided to ask Kevin Sullivan (the new high school rel. ed. coordinator from S.H.) if he has any ideas for this.

Next Steps: St. Patrick's Listening Session - Date to be submitted to diocese.

Next Cluster Meeting Date - Nov. 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. - St. Boniface

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Gruber