

Cluster 22 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 16, 2013 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Hall.

Present: Monsignor Henchal, Monsignor Stefanko, Tom Sheehan, Kathy Williamson, Kathy Sparda, John Moreshead, David Greely, Kelly Dell'Aquila, Robert Danielson, Ron McClay, Melissa Kelly.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Monsignor Henchal at 6:40 pm.

Minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting had been approved by email.

It was announced that Marie Cross has resigned from the Cluster Pastoral Council. It was felt that she had contributed a great deal to the cluster, and that her input at meetings would be greatly missed.

Tom Sheehan presented the Financial Report through the five months ending November 30, 2013.

Kathy Williamson announced that a survey of the Cluster needs would be completed soon, and would be administered by email to everyone in the Cluster to help us move forward. The survey would be completed by mid-January.

Kathy Sparda submitted a report on the many fall activities which included:

Pre-school Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed.

Registration is down in the younger grades but classes are full in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

Youth ministry has been active, but the numbers are down.

Think First, Stay Safe: a mandated diocesan sexual abuse prevention program for all teens and children registered in the Fall Faith Formation Program has been happening.

Catechist Training: A great night with a presentation about the Holy Spirit given by Kathy Williamson.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation was celebrated by over 100 children as a Cluster at St. John/Holy Cross Church.

Fall Into Christmas first time craft fair was held.

Adult Faith Formation: Small groups have been meeting throughout the Fall and Advent.

Father James Morrison's Funeral: On November 15 our former pastor's funeral was held at St. Joseph's Church in Portland. After the Mass friends and family were invited to St. Maximilian Kolbe for the reception.

Harvest Supper: A benefit meal was served by some First Eucharist families and raised \$662 for an orphanage in Haiti.

Thanksgiving: St. Maximilian Kobe Kolbe choir joined other church choirs for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. On Thanksgiving morning Fr. Knox celebrated Mass and blessed many family's bread and wine.

Memorial Service: Sunday, December 1, Crawford-Tully hosted an annual memorial service for those families who lost a loved one this year.

Senior Breakfast: Wednesday, December 4, 50 seniors came to hear Msgr. Henchal talk about St. Francis and the meaning of the Creche. The breakfast was sponsored by the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Life Committee.

The Mitten Tree: A St. John's parishioner asked if we could put up a Mitten Tree as had been done in the past at St. John's. The hats and mittens will be distributed to local charities.

Final plans for Christmas Masses were discussed.

Kathy Williamson announced The Cluster Social Justice/Christian Service Committee will meet January 8, 2014.

Update on St. John/Holy Cross Merger was presented by Monsignor Henchal.

He reported that the sale of St. John's is progressing, but it will probably be a few months before everything is completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at St. Maximilian Kolbe on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Greely,
Pastoral Council Secretary