

St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Council

Wyandotte, Michigan

October 26, 2011

Joint Cluster Council Meeting

Location: St. Joseph, Conference room

Attendance: Members of St. Elizabeth, St. Patrick and St. Joseph Parish Councils – Special guest: Fr. Joe Mallia

Meeting called to order: Fr. Mike 7:02 p.m.

Topics discussed:

JPII – Doing very well, confirmed 211 enrollment.

TIF II progress – Bob McBrayer gave briefing, noting we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the first phase. Nov. 30 is the date to present to the Archbishop, then proposed kickoff in January. See more details at the AOD website.

Cluster process – Fr. Joe Mallia – Need help through the process especially when it comes to the word “cluster”. Ask yourself “what do you want?” and “what is most important to us”. Then you have the goal. It can’t be about buildings, or you will fail. With 100 less priests in 10 years, we need to keep the Eucharist vibrant in our lives. We can make “recommendations” only. It’s the Archbishop that will make the final decision. Suggested Social Media to bring those back to the church and service projects. Questions from the group varied from spokesperson from St. Patrick expressing concern they are not ready to be part of this and they feel they don’t know what to tell the parishioners.

Healing Mass – Fr. Mike – Mass of the Anointing of the sick will be Dec. 3 at St. Joseph’s. Between Christmas and Easter it will be at one of the other churches.

Adjourned - 8:19 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish Council Meeting

Members Present: Dave Diaz, Marco Fortuna, Sharla Diaz, Mary Cottone, Neal Weick, Rosalba LaRosa. *Alternates:* Annette Sebestin. *Absent:* Nina McMahon. *Others present:* Fr. Mike, Fr. Linus, Barbara Rickman (Social Ministry); Melanie Ursing (Christian Formation), Bill Barry (VPC).

Opening Prayer: Dave Diaz

Meeting called to order: 8:22 p.m.

Review of Minutes: Marco made motion to change the wording under Open Discussion by statement he made to read: "Fr. Mike asked Marco to present the prayer group's request to reinstate Healing Masses to the Council. The Council voted yes to the request for Healing Masses."

Election of PPC: Dave motioned to let the council ride out until June. Continue to prep Marco Futuna as Chairperson.

Merger Committee: To reinstate former merger commission from the 3 churches with 3 to 4 members. Hand picked that have little background on discussions, but mutual interest of what we're doing so far. Then those new people may form the new Parish Council.

Commission Reports:

Worship Commission, Elroy Grandy - Absent , no report.

Social Ministry, Barbara Rickman – Dinner to Go scheduled for Nov. 12 & 13 with Shepherd's Pie.

Music Ministry, Neal Weick – by Nov. 27, new Roman Missal changes will go into effect.

Stewardship, Pam Bomba – Absent, no report.

Christian Formation, Melanie Ursing – no report.

Vicariate Report:

Bill Barry – Wanted to reiterate what happens to school for Religious Ed. Fr. Mike said someone will come to look at the property. **Mary Cottone** - They are having the same discussions over and over again. Noted St. Andrew & Benedict does want to merge with Our Lady of Lourdes. Suggested to invite children to our church.

Calendar:

Barbara Rickman added Stewardship meeting on Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m. and Nov. 12 & 13 Sheppard's Pie for Dinner to Go.

Open Discussion:

Marco – Asked if Fr. Gary is allowed to stay, what would his schedule look like.

Marco – Suggested having the 4 Council members to form this new group: Mary, Neal, Rosalba & himself.

Marco – Asked Fr. if he will still allow the use of funerals or baptisms at St. Elizabeth.

Barbara – Is there going to be a Mass of Remembrance.

Sharla – Is there a decision on closing July 1.

Neal said that Pam said that those parishioners that are here now are the ones that will stay if we merge and be careful about the part about the cemetery.

Neal – Music ministry learning as one mass setting.

Marco – Suggested one Altar Server per mass to help elevate shortage.

Sharla – Suggested moving the table that holds the water and wine closer to the priest incase no Altar Servers. Annette commented that may not be possible due to protocol of how far from the altar items need to be.

Closing Prayer - Dave Diaz

Meeting adjourned - 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wed., Nov. 30, St. Elizabeth – 7:00 p.m.