

**Spring 2023 Deanery Assembly of Parishes    Fond du Lac/Sheboygan**

**April 22, 2023 9:30 am Blessed Trinity Parish**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendance: Steve Faust: Blessed Trinity, Deb Hasler: Blessed Trinity, Stephanie Martin: Holy Family, Mary Ann Salter: Holy Family, Annette Soldner: Sons of Zebedee (zoom), Chuck Dineen: St. Mary, Lomira, Carla Norton: St. Catherine of Siena (zoom), James Peter: Sheboygan South Parishes, Andy Chuvan: Our Lady of the Holy Land, Linda Krause: Our Lady of the Holy Land, Anothony Mischo: St. John the Baptist (zoom), Kevin White: St. Thomas Aquinas, Rich Tauferner: St. John Evangelist    Brenda: Archdiocese (zoom)

**II. Gathering Prayer**    Steve Faust lead a prayer.

**III. Review Fall meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by Annette Soldner, seconded by Steve Faust

**IV/V. Review roles and responsibilities of Deanery Assembly Representatives/ Explanations and discussion of Relationship to Deanery Assemblies of Pastoral Council Representatives.**

A. Steve described the roles and responsibilities of the representatives of the deanery. They have two functions: 1)bring ideas from their Pastoral Councils to the Archdiocese and 2) bring back to the Pastoral Councils information from the Archdiocese via the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Representative. Each deanery is required to have two representatives.

B. The deanery meetings and APC help the Archbishop get a pulse of the parishes. Brenda (Archdiocesan representative) stated that the Deanery reps are very appreciated by the Archbishop.

**VI. Selection of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Representative. Filling the remaining term for Joe Racine, ending June 2024.**

A. Joe Racine left his position as APC Rep a year ago due to work conflicts and his position has not been filled. Steve would like someone to step up and finish his term which runs through June 2024. This person would be required to attend 4 meetings in Milwaukee and 2 Deanery Meetings. Steve would prefer a representative from Fond du Lac County in order to have both counties represented, but would be happy if anyone would join him.

B. Anthony Mischo, St. John the Baptist in Plymouth, offered to finish the term that is needed. Thank you Anthony!!

**VII. Focus Topics from December & March APC meetings**

A. Low deanery attendance has resulted in the Bishop sending out requests to parish priests to help encourage attendance.

B. Love One Another Campaign is doing well. Various representatives from the deanery parishes discussed the progress/ phases of their parishes. Steve mentioned that he was told that Catholic charities is one of the top providers for support in our state. He encouraged all of us to share with the public the good things our Catholic Churches are doing.

C. The question of "when will parishes be able to share in the Blood of Christ during mass" asked at the last Deanery meeting was brought up at the APC meeting. Steve said that Priests are now able to give the Blood of Christ at their discretion, based off of local situations. It is understood that receiving one form of the Eucharist suffices for both the Body and Blood of Christ.

- a. St. Thomas Aquinas Parish did an informal survey of their parish: 2/3 of the distributors stated they are not comfortable with consuming the cup after communion distribution. St. John the Baptist Parish had similar findings.
- b. The priest at Holy Family in Fond du Lac sent out a letter to the parishioners stating that only the Body of Christ will be offered at communion and explained why.

### **VIII. Updates and Announcements**

A. The question "How is the process of Eucharistic Revival going?" was asked. Brenda informed us of a big kick off event that the Archdiocese is holding on Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at the Archdiocese Center. The Eucharistic Revival event is a half day event, beginning at 8am and open to everyone. There will be music, food and celebration. Brenda will send a flyer to Steve so he can forward it to the group.

B. Brenda stated that attendance at mass and receiving the Eucharist is and will continue to be a concern of the Archdiocese.

C. St. John the Baptist will be ending their video live-streaming of Fr. Phil's masses. They have been working on an outreach through St. Vincent DePaul in Plymouth to distribute communion to the homebound. They have also been placing information in their bulletin and Facebook page.

D. An explanation of the "That Man is You" (TMIY) program for men was discussed. Both Blessed Trinity and St. John the Baptist currently have these programs. The goal is to draw men deeper into faith and addressing men as leaders of their family, church etc. Using biblical based ideas to help men become better men through studying what King David did well and didn't do well as a leader, experiencing real fellowship, and providing a safe space to have difficult conversations. Blessed Trinity's group meets Saturday mornings and St. John the Baptist meets Sunday nights. A women's program, "Walking with Purpose", is a complement to TMIY. Currently this program at St. John the Baptist is doing well.

### **IX. Items for the Archbishop Attention**

A. Is it possible that the Archbishop could do a mass at each of the Parishes of the Archdiocese? In 2008-2009 Archbishop Dolan made a point of doing this. This was brought up at the APC meeting last year and Archbishop ListECKI stated it was very challenging since there are 185 parishes that he serves. It was also asked if it was possible for the Archbishop to do a mass one church in each Deanery per year. Brenda said Archbishop ListECKI is very humble but they are pushing him to consider this request.

B. Is it possible for Archbishop ListECKI to do some type of farewell tour? Brenda commented that the process of his retirement makes it challenging to make any plans. Once the Archbishop submits his retirement letter to the Pope they are unsure of how long the process will take to find a predecessor. This would make it very difficult to plan as the process could take anywhere from 2 months to 2 years.

**X. Schedule for Deanery Meetings- Fall October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Proposed for spring 2024 April 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday after Easter.**

A. The Fall, October 7, 2023 Deanery meeting will be held at Blessed Trinity, 9:30am, in the CLC. (same as today's meeting). Steve likes to have the spring meeting after the spring APC meeting so the items for discussion are fresh. This puts next year's spring meeting on April 13, 2024.

B. Anthony suggested that we might develop a pattern for planning the two meetings (for example the 2nd Saturday after the APC meeting) in order to help people plan better. Steve and Anthony will discuss this further.

**XI. Closing Prayer**

We all prayed The Our Father together.

Respectfully Submitted by Deb Hasler, Blessed Trinity Parish