

Our Catholic Family Joint Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
All Saints, Holy Family & St. Rose of Lima
February 15, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to order by Vernon Arens.
- II. Opening Prayer – Fr. Keiter
- III. Present – Fr. Keiter, Ron Wieseler, Matt Pinkelman, Linda Jackson, Ed Steffen, Curt Steffen, Rachel Becker, Frank Kleinschmit and Vernon Arens. Excused / Sick - Penny Reifenrath.
- IV. Review of Minutes: Linda Jackson made a motion seconded by Ron Wieseler to approve the minutes from the January 2021 Meeting. The motion was approved.
- V. Parish Financial Reports: Sunday giving is still very good and staying ahead of what was budgeted in each Parish. Fr. Keiter updated the Council on the PPP Loan Forgiveness for the first round of PPP loans that each Parish received last Spring as well as East Catholic and West Catholic. All loan forgiveness paperwork has been submitted to each respective bank for each loan received. All Saints Parish and East and West Catholic School do fulfill the qualifying rules to apply for a PPP 2.0 loan. Those applications are being submitted. Ron Wieseler made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Matthew Pinkelman. The motion was approved.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. St. Rose held their Unity Supper the weekend of February 12-14, 2021. The Silent Auction was held for three afternoons-evenings in the St. Rose Parish Center. The Grand Auction was virtual at the Miller, Creamer, Heimes, Janssen Auction House on Saturday evening, February 13th. The dinner was a take out dinner on Sunday, February 14th. 425 meals were sold compared to 305 last year. Early receipts show the event was a great success again. A more detailed financial report will be given at the March Council meeting.
 - b. Final preparations are in full force for St. John's Fish Fry, which will take place on the First Friday of Lent, February 19, 2021. It will be a drive thru / take out meal this year in Fordyce at the Fire Hall due to the current construction and renovation of St. John's Parish Center.
 - c. Planning is continuing for the St. Rose Fish Fry, which will take place on Friday, March 12, 2021. It too will be only a drive thru / take out meal along with delivery due to the continued dealings of Covid-19.
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Fr. Keiter gave an update on the plans for a Marriage Enrichment Day to be held at Nissen Winery on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Karen Leader along with some other married couples are planning and organizing the day. Calvin and Shelby Mueller will help lead the day. It will be open to any married couple in Our Catholic Family of Parishes. Additionally, engaged couples preparing for marriage in our parishes this year are being invited. Information will be forthcoming in the weekly Bulletin.
 - b. Fr. Keiter gave some informational handouts from the Archdiocese of Omaha on Transformational Giving versus Transactional giving. The virus took away the majority of our fundraisers last year but our giving from parishioners has kept us on budget. This is transformational giving. It leads to the bigger question of, do we really want to go back to dependence on fundraisers, which is transactional giving. We see the importance of fraternity and building unity in our parishes etc., but desire to stay with true stewardship, which is transformational giving – giving because you have been impacted and moved by the mission of our Parishes. The joint Pastoral Council is going to spearhead the work and focus on this important area of not returning to dependence on fundraisers.

The Council spent the rest of the meeting discussing the third chapter of the **Made for Mission** book.

Ron Wieseler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Jackson. The meeting ended with a prayer by Father Keiter. The next regular meeting will be on March 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose.

Respectfully submitted by Fr. Keiter for Penny Reifenrath