

**Immaculate Conception, St. Peter Claver, Ss. Cyril & Methodius
Tri Parish Council Meeting, Fr. Cherne Hall, Ss. Cyril & Methodius
September 29, 2009**

Members present: Fr. Glenn Powers, Deacon Mike Burch, parish council members of all three parishes (19).

Meeting was opened with a *Prayer to the Angels of God* composed by Fr. Glenn. Each member participated by reciting a line of this prayer.

Statements of Affirmation were given by: Fr. Glenn and Deacon Mike. Each parish's unique history was simply stated; from their humble beginnings to how they have grown to the present day. Recognized over the years we are not strangers to collaboration, e.g. Human Concerns, Food Pantries, and Youth Ministry. We need to look together through our struggles and joys towards the future. Collaboratively serve the Catholic people of southern Sheboygan. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance through each parish's unique and similar goals. Material reality surrounds us however, overtime churches movement is towards Spiritual reality that will extend into eternity. It was noted that Fr. Glenn's parish assignment is complete in the year 2013, and Deacon Mike's is complete in the year of 2014.

Statements of re-affirmation were given by: Chairperson's Lynn Schultz and Diane Wilcenski. They stressed the importance of working collaboratively. The Tri Parish Retreat is an example of were this collaboration worked very well. We need to become a stronger faith community, go forward, and grow together. A unity of one makes us stronger. We should develop and build on opportunities that are presented to us as a Tri Parish.

Vision 21: LIVING OUR FAITH. South Side Tri Parish Cluster priorities will continue to be Growth in Holiness, Strengthen Parishes, Foster Vocations, and Strengthen Catholic Education, Justice and Charity, Stewardship. Our tri-parish vision for planning template from the Archdiocese is scheduled to be offered to the Central Office of Parish Planning by June 30, 2011. Originally, we thought it would be this June, but due to the absence of an Archbishop things have been delayed. It will stress working as a team with verifiable goals. Additionally, District 9 Visioning goals include strengthening CCA, working with the Hmong community, having the principals of the schools sharing their resources with each other, including Blessed Trinity which is located in Sheboygan Falls. Also, cluster of parishes working together or as one in Social Concerns and Administration.

Consensus of the Council is to set up a Tri Parish ad hoc committee to lead us through the futuring and affirming a 5-year plan. It would consist of Fr. Glenn, Deacon Mike, and two members from each Council. This committee will decide whether or not to hire a facilitator to implement the Vision 21 general recommendations.

Members around the table were to conceive of a brief Tri Parish Mission Statement that can help to capture some of the spirit we are about. They are to bring their suggestion/s to the next meeting.

Financial position of our parishes was discussed in detail. It was noted IC & SSCM year end 2009 was a loss, and SPC was a profit due to receiving a substantial Memorial. IC/SSCM has submitted a very conservative balanced budget for 2009-2010. School subsidies may need to be addressed.

Young Adult Ministry: Following the discussion on whether to hire or have a parish volunteer set up this ministry, it was decided to put this on hold until the ad hoc committee can review the Vision 21 template. Finances may also drive the ability to make this position a reality.

Next Tri Parish meeting will be held on **January 27, 2010, 6:30 at St. Peter Claver.**

Respectfully submitted,

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