

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

May 14, 2019

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Kiowa on May 14, 2019. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Mark Brantley, Chuck Graves, Bev Miller, and Anne Schreiner present. John Forester, Darren Hern, Rayann Rucker, Diane Seiler, Rob Paxson, and secretary Walinda Arnett were absent.

Father Mark began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting.

Anne reported that St. Boniface celebrated the confirmation of nine young people, first communion for two, a wedding, and a funeral since the last meeting.

Kay reported that Holy Rosary had the Easter Vigil where Jamie Landwehr joined the church, 2 first communicants, and two graduates.

Bev reported that St. John had enjoyed an enchilada dinner, a lasagna dinner, and a Mother's Day brunch. St. John had one graduate this year, but no first communicants or confirmation candidates.

Pastor's Report:

Father Mark shared the short and long-term improvement plans for the Holy Rosary rectory. These include an electronics shelf in the basement which is being installed, basement windows and a new disposal within the next year, and at some point not yet determined, repairs to or replacement of the front and back exterior steps, new kitchen cupboards and flooring, replacement of some light fixtures, possible floor and ceiling tile for the basement, and a little reseeding of the lawn. There was discussion of these various items but no final decisions were made, although the general consensus of the council was that the current exterior steps are hazardous so their preference is to explore replacing both front and back porch/steps rather than repairing those currently in use or replacing the carpet covering.

The Adoration schedule was reviewed and updated. It will be offered at St. Boniface sometime during the week of Totus Tuus, and then with the general agreement of the council, Father will wait until September to offer Adoration at the other parishes given so many people are gone during July and August.

The Lent Mass/Stations schedule was reviewed as to how well it served parishioners. No decisions were made.

Old Business:

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business:

Father Mark asked the council to consider whether the current daily Mass schedule meets parishioners needs and proposed scheduling one each week that would give working people or students the opportunity to attend, such as a Wednesday evening Mass at Medicine Lodge. Father asked the council to explore the possibilities with parishioners, and Bev suggested conducting a survey at each parish. Father suggested using both paper and digital surveys to get as many people as possible to respond.

Anne asked if the council would be willing to provide some financial assistance for a family in Sharon dealing with difficulties caused by serious health problems, and we agreed to donate \$300, \$100 from each parish.

Father requested feedback on the Lenten program with Bishop Barron's *The Mass*. We all agreed participation exceeded expectations and so plan to offer similar programs in the future, possibly rotating them among all three parishes.

The council discussed concerns with the difficulty some parishioners experience in trying to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass. Father agreed to arrange to hear confessions after Mass in Kiowa once each month, but no other changes to the schedule were made at this time.

The next meeting will be held September 10th at St. Boniface.

In closing, Father led the council in the Hail Mary.