

Cluster 21 Planning Committee

October 29, 2006, 2 – 4 p.m.

St. Louis Parish Hall

Dave Deprey, Frank Piveronas, Fr. Ireneusz Chowdakowski, Bob Konzcal, Gene Fetteroll, St. Theresa, Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J., Ray Rier, Peter Donnelly, Fr. Roland Pittenge, Greg St. Angelo, Barbara Linnehan Smith, Christine Thibeault, Msgr. Paul Stefanko, Joseph Radziucz.

Minutes:

1. Opening prayer

2. Introductions. Dave provided a brief introduction of the minutes and how the work will move forward.

3. Dave passed out adjusted “profit & loss” (P&L) for each parish. Shows that each parish is at break even or better. Total revenues have backed out approved capital campaigns and special collections – expenses have total expenses minus capital outlays and collections.

4. Discussion of the cluster models.

Questions raised: *Does the bishop need to be the pastor or not?* No, according to Msgr. Stefanko. Final report may make a recommendation. *Does the Cathedral need to be a part of the cluster since it is the Mother Church of the Diocese?* Parishioners more likely feel that it is first a parish that happens to be the Cathedral. A majority vote determined to recommend that the Cathedral be considered along with the other churches of the cluster.

Question remains about the bishop being the “pastor” of the Cathedral, and what impact that may have on the choice of models.

A discussion took place about the various models. Model III was eliminated first, then Model I as not being appropriate for Cluster 21. More extensive discussion of the models sought to allow individual churches to retain distinct personalities of the communities. Discussion went back and forth between 2 and 4. Discussions continued regarding communities vs. convenient Mass times, and the adjustment that parishioners will have to make to be a unified cluster.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Model IV because it seems to allow more flexibility, with a majority vote for Model IV, 2 opposed preferring Model II. Arrived at agreement to support the majority vote for Model IV.

Model II One Pastor - Separate Parishes - Centralized Team & Councils

- " One pastor who works with one staff
- " Core staff centrally located in an administrative center in service to all parishes
- " Individual parishes may have pastoral and/or support staff
- " Individual parishes may or may not have a priest in residence
- " One Cluster Pastoral Council
- " One Cluster Finance Council

Model IV One Pastor - Combination of Models - Centralized Team/Councils

For example, in a 5 parish cluster: a) 2 merge to form a new parish and 3 merge to form a second parish; b) 3 merge to form a new parish and 2 remain as separate parishes; or some other combination of the other models.

- " One pastor who works with one staff
- " Core staff centrally located in an administrative center in service to all cluster parishes
- " Some existing churches may be closed and properties sold to provide funding for building new church
- " Individual parishes or worship sites may have pastoral and/or support staff
- " Individual parishes or worship sites may or may not have a priest in residence
- " One Cluster Pastoral Council
- " One Cluster Finance Council

5. Discussion of time frame

- Subcommittees will meet between 10/29 and 11/14 to do their work, and submit their electronic drafts to Dave and Lori by 11/15
- Timeline committee will reconvene to compile the reports on 11/16 and send them to the large committee for review
- Next full committee meeting will be November 19, 2 – 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish where small groups will present their written recommendations, with discussion and possible edits resulting in a final document will be accepted.
- Some form of the final report will be available for parishioners to see by December 3rd
- December 18, possible penitential service at 7 p.m., probably at the Cathedral for the whole cluster.

6. Committee assignments – three committees were formed to research and write sections of the report.

Committee #1, Worship & Spirituality – meeting on November 6, 7 p.m. – work was split up among individuals to be done prior to the meeting to be compiled at the meeting.

- Peter Lancia - Chair
- Joseph Radziucz
- Ray Rier
- Peter Donnelly
- Barbara Linnehan Smith

Committee #2 – Finance and Facilities, meeting on November 5, 2 p.m., at SHSDP rectory.

- Bob Konczal
- Gene Fetteroll
- Fr. Bertrand
- Msgr. Stefanko
- Greg St. Angelo
- Fr. Morse
- Lori Arsenault

Committee #3 Religious Education / Parish Life, meeting on November 9, 5:30 at Cathedral School

- Christine Thibeault - Chair
- Sr. Theresa Rand
- Frank Piveronas
- Fr. Pittenge
- Chris Hoppins
- Peter Lancia

7. Closing prayer

8. Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Lori Arsenault