

Cluster 21 Pastoral Council

March 9, 2008

Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish Hall

Present: Peter Lancia, Msgr. Paul Stefanko, Fr. Richard-D Bertrand, S.J., Fr. Fred Morse, Fr. Kevin Martin, Ray Rier, Dan Chuhta, Sr. Theresa Rand, Pennie Kinney, Lori Arsenault (Admin)

Minutes:

1. Disciples in Mission report given by Fr. Kevin. A Cluster-wide Reflection Day is proposed for Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 9 to noon.
2. Peter reviewed the upcoming events in the Cluster, and encouraged members to promote the events as a way of evangelizing.
3. Structure and Mission review. A proposed consolidation was distributed and any further discussion and decision tabled to next meeting.
4. Communications report was distributed and the idea of a town meeting discussed.
5. Continued discussion of Needs Assessment document, and action initiatives:

LEADERSHIP –

- Same people often the leaders
- Training for lay leaders
- Recruitment – different people helping do things
- Catechetical training
- Clarification of leadership in parishes, roles and levels
- Evaluations of staff
- Procedures for filling vacancies
- Cluster staff – definitions, standards and salaries
- Job descriptions
- Evaluations of volunteers

CATECHESIS –

- Youth ministry
- Sacramental Prep – RCIA, Baptism Prep, Marriage

EVANGELIZATION –

- Disciples in Mission
- Welcoming – Bringing people together
- Catholics can always come home
- Media to reach people
- An Event

COMMUNICATION

- Bulletin / Newsletters
- Needs Assessment – what works
- Media Blitz
- Facilitating collaboration

BUSINESS

- Business Manager
- Central Office
- Coordinate Resources
- Human Resource Audit
- Cluster school
- How to share expenses

For next meeting, April 13, 2 p.m. at St. Louis, the communications committee will present a proposal for communications town meetings in each parish, and the remainder of the meeting will be a work session in small groups to create an action plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.
Recorded by Lori Arsenault