

(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes Harvest of Hope Parish Council 8-5-2021

Attendees: Char Lahr, Michelle Friederichs, Father Edward Vebelun, Toni Hudock, Tricia Merdan, Brad Opatz, Jim Gondringer, Lisa Jensen, Diane Rothstein, Nick Korn, Jean Beutz

Guests from Area Catholic Community Diocesan Care Team: Beth Brown, Anna Kampa

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Opening Prayer- Toni Hudock
2. Pastors Update- Fr. Edward Vebelun
 - a. We are conducting interviews on August 6th for the St. Benedict's position
 - b. Covid protocols
 - i. Bishop is consulting with health officials on the rise of Covid cases. Precautions will be necessary, but at this stage masks remain only a regional option.
 - c. Fr. Edward will be taking a Sabbatical
 - i. Will be gone for 4 months from mid Oct to mid Feb.
 - ii. Fr. Brad will be around more to help with masses
 - iii. Fr. Greg will be stepping up to take on more responsibility
 - iv. Toni will be the Pastoral Associate
3. Fr. Edward introduced the Diocesan Care Team of Beth Brown and Anna Kampa
 - a. Discussed Regional Ministry Gatherings and Diocesan Ministry Day
 - b. Encouraged us to formulate a plan for evangelization and submit a grant proposal.
 - i. Can be used to build community
 - ii. People will come out to help us process the plan
 - c. Formation for Thriving
 - i. They are encouraging us to have a cohort to receive training in ACC vitality in the next 5 years.
 - d. Toni will send them the committees contact info so we get the Central MN Catholic emails
 - e. Talked about strength finders at the parish level
 - f. Discussed creating a newsletter
4. Evangelization
 - a. Watch the Regional Ministry Gathering videos
5. Community Builder/ Rebuilt
 - a. Checked out the Church of the Nativity website
 - i. Watched a video on welcoming new members
 - ii. Scanned through the website to see what we could do
 1. Gave Toni ideas on how to update our website
 - b. Challenge is getting people to help with small groups
 - i. How do we build teams? ex: RCIA team
6. Approve April 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Nick Korn made a motion to approve

b. Jean Beutz second it

7. New Business

a. Parish updates

i. SA- n/a

ii. SB-

1. Abbey is starting a fall choir Aug 29th
2. Eucharistic Adoration Aug 6 11am to 8 PM
3. Festival was July 11th

iii. SD-

1. Festival Aug 8th
2. Stained Glass window put in hallway by offices

iv. SM

1. Festival was a success
2. Working with city on boundaries, possibly extending parking lot
3. Getting ready for Faith Formation

8. Harvest of Hope Strategic Plan

a. No further discussion

9. Topics for next meeting

a. MOM representative

b. Come with ideas for the grant

i. If you have ideas before the next meeting email Michelle

10. Next meeting Oct. 7th 2021 7:00pm St. Martin

11. Closing Prayer- Father Edward Vebelun, OSB

12. Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm