

**Queen of Saints  
Cluster Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Haley Schulte gave an opening prayer.

The Queen of Saints Cluster Council met Thursday, September 24th at Immaculate Conception. This meeting was supposed to take place on August 13th, however due to the Derecho storm and no power, it was moved to September. In attendance were: Father Steimel, Haley Schulte, Dave Frazier, Mary Breja, Mary Horst, Ann Frese, Joyce Kitson, Loras Overmann, and Deacon Rob. Absent were Lisa Miller, Bryce Brecht, and Dave McGovern. Minutes were approved from the May 7th Zoom meeting.

**Old Business/Updates:**

First Communion was good! Confirmation had 21 participants. Faith Formation has begun. Students have chosen to either do it online or get hard copies. The hard copies are still on back order. It was discussed that after students get through the first set of lessons that Father will meet with the student and family to "pass" them onto the next lesson. Father was going to chat with Jaci for a more thorough update. The board had some concerns about how we were going to continue to encourage students to keep moving forward with the online version of lessons.

**New Business:**

Storm damage has all been assessed at each location. Demolition has started at St Michaels. St Michaels has been using the social hall for church, while all other locations are able to carry on as normal. St Paul has more damage than what was initially thought. Contracts are being worked on and we are just waiting our turn. Dave Frazier mentioned that he cleaned up cemeteries in the Immaculate Conception area and there was some damage to headstones. Father has been in contact with the insurance companies about these locations.

Current mass attendance is only 7% of our members. Father sent out a letter to parishioners reminding them that attendance to church should be at the top of list when trying to get back to normal during these unprecedented times. There were concerns that maybe the letter was not overly inviting, and it was talked about that maybe the board would have liked to have looked at the letter before sending it out to parishioners. There were also concerns about Father not wearing a mask during Communion and Father noted that that is not an Archdiocese rule.

There has been some general outreach to people about Covid and Derecho needs, however there are no concerns currently. What else can we do? Anything else we can help with in the mental health department, more than just financial? Is the isolation combined, now, with storm damage and financial loss hurting more people that we know about? How can we help?

Mary Horst was reelected as Council Chairperson. Dave Fraizer was Vice Chairperson. Haley Schulte elected as Secretary. All Approved by the board.

Fr. Steimel initiated a discussion as to the purpose of the cluster council. He questioned the need for the cluster council to review information covered by individual parish councils and the Faith Formation committee. He suggested the cluster council put more emphasis on creating cluster events—a task complicated by the current pandemic. The council agreed to review their purpose and put more focus on the mission to further unify the cluster.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, November 19th at 6:30pm in Watkins. Haley did the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Haley Schulte, Secretary.