

**Queen of Saints
Cluster Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021**

Haley Schulte gave an opening prayer.

The Queen of Saints Cluster Council met Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Immaculate Conception in Van Horne. In attendance were: Father Steimel, Joyce Kitson, Haley Schulte, Cathy Maile, Dave Frazier, Dave McGovern, Jean Ohlen, and Loras Overmann. Mary Breja and Lisa Miller were absent.

Minutes were approved from the August 12th, 2021 meeting with changes/additional information regarding who handles the Hy-Vee and Big G receipts.

Old Business

In regard to having servers back during Mass, we need to decide when we want to begin collecting names to have a list of 2-3 adults in each parish. We will only need one person per Sunday. We are not going to do religious education kids as very few of them attend church regularly.

Funeral dinners have started back up. We've had several over the last month or so.

The bells just need attached at the Norway church and the lights might not get installed until spring. In Watkins, we can't fix the roof much and the rails will be installed as soon as possible.

Attendance hasn't been real great at Adult Faith Formation. Looking forward to getting together in Blairstown in January, then continue going through the sacraments. The information is in the bulletin, emailed and on the facebook page. We will be planning an Advent event during the next meeting.

Movie night this summer was a good turnout.

New Business

What can we do to grow the music in all the churches? The music has to be live music.

What does everyone think of a widow/widower grieving support group? Invitees would be newly "single" people who are looking for support and community. Suddenly Single was a name suggestion for the group. We are going to look for someone to help with facilitating and encouraging open communication. Topics to discuss and share: recipe ideas for smaller meals, encourage outings among people to decrease the feelings of loneliness, game night, share skills like sewing and other "around the house" skills. Could we include other locals and/or churches?

Father Steimel had no further comments.

Next meeting was set for February 17th, 2022 in Watkins.

Haley Schulte gave closing prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Haley Schulte, Secretary.