

Linkage Pastoral Council Meeting

Franklin Hardin Linkage

Monday, February 4, 6:30 PM

St. Mark Church, Iowa Falls

Minutes

Attendees

Staff: Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Mary Quinlin

St. Mary, Ackley: Jeff Frazier, Dave Keninger, Scott O'Brien, Duane Sudtelgte, Doug Lindaman, Jeff Kurth

St. Patrick: Terry Carr, Suzanne Rowen

St. Mark: Cindy Stalzer, Robert Warrington, Tom Atkinson, John Winkels

St. Mary, Eldora: Cecilia Penning, Dan Kadolph, Lorelei Lake, Alison Steiner

The group spent time in prayer in the church prior to the meeting.

Staff Update: Sr. Connie will be leaving St. Mary, Eldora at the end of June. The plan is to combine her position and two part-time positions into one full-time Pastoral Associate/Director of Faith Formation position. Fr. Kevin would like to fill the position in time to allow for overlap with Sr. Connie for onboarding and training. Fr. Kevin shared that new regulations require employees below a certain salary level to be paid hourly, rather than by salary. All affected employees have been changed to hourly pay.

Mass attendance and giving correlations were reviewed. We will continue taking an attendance count at each weekend Mass.

Fr. Kevin shared upcoming events for Lent. The linkage will have a Lenten reflection speaker, Anthony Digmann, for three evenings on March 8-10 at 6:15 PM. Mr. Dingmann will speak on a different topic each night so that parishioners can easily go to one or all evenings. The schedule is Eldora on Sunday, Iowa Falls on Monday, and Hampton on Tuesday. There are many other events for Lent and a calendar will be published in the bulletin before Ash Wednesday.

There will be a men's social gathering on Sunday, March 1 in the late afternoon/evening at the St. Mark parish hall. The exact time is TBD.

Upcoming parish events were discussed. St. Patrick will have weekly fish dinners on the Fridays in Lent, along with a silent auction and pie auctions during the dinners. St. Mary Eldora has there fish fry dinner scheduled for Friday, March 27, and the St. Mark KCs will have theirs on Friday, March 6. It is St. Patrick's turn to host the linkage golf tournament this summer. They will get some information from the people that organized it last summer for St. Mary, Eldora. Both Iowa Falls and Eldora will overnights for bike rides this summer.

Council elections will take place on May 17 at weekend Masses. The timeline for PC and FFC

elections:

- April 1 - nominations due
- April 30 - bios and pics turned in
- May 10 - bios/pics published in the bulletin
- May 17 - elections at weekend Masses

Pastoral Council openings:

- St. Mark - two open (Tom can run for a second term, Cindy finishing her second term)
- St. Mary Eldora - one open (Cecilia can run for a second term)
- St. Mary Ackley - two open (Doug and Duane finishing their first terms)
- St. Patrick - two open (Terry and Duane finishing their first terms), also appoint someone to finish Jacob's term.

The 2019-20 budget process is starting, with the plan to finalize budgets at the May 4 meeting.

Fr. Kevin spoke briefly about how we can foster a sense of community. How can we invite people to be part of our church community? Provide a connection through a small group, an intentional community, small group meetings in a home, deeper Bible study, share a meal...what will attract someone to be a part of our faith community?

Fr. Kevin closed the large group meeting with a prayer.