



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest
Psalm 107

To: Deanery Pastors, Administrators, Religious, Staff
From: Joe Swyt
Date: January 26, 2006

Re: Minutes: Deanery Staff Meeting
January 20, 2006
Christ the King

- **Attendees:** Twenty five parish members
- **Prayer:** Fr. Tim opened with prayer
- **Cooperative Discussion:**
 - Joe Swyt gave a summary of the Cooperative goals, reason for establishing it, how it fits into the Pastoral Plan, current financial status and summarized the past and current programs.
 - Joe stated that the checking account has been transferred to MHT under Fr. Eddie and Br. Jim as of January 19. All parishes should make their checks out to MHT and mail them to attention of Br. Jim
 - Joe stated that Jim Degnan will take over the accounting responsibilities of the Coop. Jim is retired, lives in the Villages and was an early supporter of the Coop helping in grant writing. Jim also served as the initial administrator for the Spirit Site with Fr. Kevin Joyce.
 - Joe passed out copies of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and reminded the group about the role of the Deanery and need for parish collaboration stated in the plan.
 - The group then organized into five subgroups to discuss whether the Multiparish Cooperative should be continued and if so, under what ground rules. Each group reported the following results of their discussion:
 - Group 3: The group felt very positive about the Coop with regard to diocese/deanery business. The Coop enforced the principal of Subsidiarity.
 - Group 2: The group recommended keeping the Coop going because with it, the local needs of the deanery were being met. The Coop allows the cost/unit of service to be kept low, saving the parish's money and allowing parish programs to be kept at the parishes while sharing other programs. Continuing the Youth Internship program is also important.
 - Group 1: The group was positive about the Coop stating that the parishes benefited from strong leadership. There is definitely power in working together. There is a need to have an evaluation of success of programs and a need to look at allocation of skills of people in the deanery.
 - Group 5: This group recommended moving forward with the Coop and identified the cost saving benefits of sharing programs done through parish collaboration. They see lots of future potential and the past experience of collaboration was good.



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- **Group 4:** This group also recommended that the Coop be continued as there is a high level of need for continued collaboration on ministries that the diocese cannot provide. The parishes have a better sense of regional needs.

Conclusion: The Coop pastors will meet at MHT on Friday, February 3 from 12 noon to 2 pm at the clergy meeting to discuss the next step.

- **Parish Ministry Formation:** There are 17 people working on this program which will start on Feb 17/18 at the Vietnamese Center and March 17/18 at MHT. All speakers have been lined up and there are 90 registrations at the present time.
- **Social Justice:** Fr. Bill Minkle reported that the "Vision of Justice" workshop on CST will be held at St. Francis of Assisi on February 25 from 8:30 to 4:30 pm with Fr. Paul Fitzgerald as the keynote speaker. The session will be held in three languages. He is asking for \$100 per parish to support the costs and a subsidy from the Cooperative.
- **Diocese Meeting:** Fr. Clare will attend the February 7 meeting in Los Gatos, representing the deanery pastor's point of view.
- **Lenten Reconciliation:**
 - SJV: April 6 at 7pm
 - MHT: March 14 at 7pm
 - OLG: April 3 at 7:30 pm
 - St. Patrick: not scheduled yet
 - CTK: not scheduled yet
- At the end of this year the Deanery will have achieved all of its goals in the three pastoral priorities of Lay Ministry formation, Youth and Social Justice

Following lunch the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.