

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

June 10, 2017

Attendees: Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Carl Green, Veronica Kelley, Nancy Koch, Aida Lawver, Bill Lussier, Tom McGinley, Bill Paxson, Judy Szathmary,

Absent: Dan Anderson, Lanny Ross, Ingrid Spencer

Gathering and Refreshments: Aida Lawver and Diana Graff

Opening Prayer: Veronica Kelley

Minutes: All Members – May Meeting Minutes were approved.

Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions, and Committee reports:

Website/Communications: Aida Lawver

They meet the 1st Wednesday at 3:00 pm. The focus has been on keeping the Capital Campaign information updated. The group is also concerned about reaching the parishioners who do not have or use computers. Lloyd Sandell will be attending the September Pastoral Council meeting and other council and commission meetings to obtain information to update each group's web information.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Lois May suggested that the FORMED website be used as a catechesis educational resource for all ages of parishioners. The subscription cost is \$1600/year which includes an extensive list of programs and topics.

Finance Council: Judy Szathmary

They meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget is pending waiting for additional information from Faith Formation.

The Deanery has asked Holy Trinity to provide a business plan of the estimated costs for operating the Faith Formation wing as a high school facility. The Deanery will be conducting a feasibility study to determine the support for a high school in the Olympic Deanery. It also stated that it does not have the money to begin the project.

The Archdiocese has completed a survey about potential funding to support the retirement and health care benefits of its priests and nuns. Veronica will attend a meeting at the end of June about how the funds will be obtained.

Capital Campaign Informational Meeting: All

The Pastoral Council meeting was temporarily adjourned so that all members could attend an informational meeting to discuss options for donating monies for the \$2.8 million church renovation project. The Council meeting reconvened at the conclusion of the meeting.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

They meet the 3rd Sat. of the month. Discussion included plans for the Trinity Sunday Mass preparation which will include parishioners of different nationalities proclaiming “Glory to God in the Highest” in their native tongues during each Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide cake after each Mass to celebrate Holy Trinity Parish’s anniversary.

Plans for a Corpus Christi procession were finalized for a June 18th celebration beginning with a procession at 1 PM with the Blessed Sacrament around the church property stopping at four different stations to pray. The celebration will end at 2:15 PM in the church with Benediction.

Other discussions included an evaluation of the recent parish mission and plans for additional Mercy events.

Social Justice Commission: Nancy Koch for Ingrid Spencer

They meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A review of the May minutes included an update of the status of ongoing projects. The Baby Corner Drive was completed with baby related items delivered to the West Side Baby Corner. A paperback books collection drive continues with delivery every other month to St. Vincent de Paul, Kitsap Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Benedict House, food banks and others.

Fall drives are being planned with the following proposed dates: Cereal and school supplies in August; funds for the Baby Bottle drive in September, and cold weather clothing drive in December.

Knights of Columbus: Carl Green, Bill Lussier, Bill Paxson

Tickets for the Knights Harvest dinner/dance event September 9th to raise funds for the Church renovation will be available soon. A parish dinner will be held June 17th with funds going to the Knights’ various projects. Scholarships will be distributed Sunday, June 11th at the 9:45 AM Mass.

Building Committee: Veronica Kelley for Dan Anderson

Veronica reported that Holy Trinity has received to date a total of \$992,000 in pledges and over \$345,000 collected.

Study Time:

Divine Renovation by Father James Mallon, Ch. 6 – Study and discussion was tabled due to time constraints.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church and Stewardship: Plans are ongoing as we prepare to implement the stewardship commission in the fall.
2. Capital Campaign for Priests and Nuns: Discussed in the Finance Council report.
3. Council Member Input – Growth/Feedback/Affirmation for Parish Life, Faith Formation, etc.: Veronica reported that three Faith Formation members have discerned off the commission and three new members discerned onto the commission, one of whom has prior experience on the Faith Formation commission. New co-chairmen will be elected to lead the group.

4. Room 8/10 Conversion: A builder and structural engineer have evaluated the possibility of removing the wall between rooms 8 and 10 and constructing a soundproof divider to provide more flexibility in the rooms' use during the Church's renovation.

New Business:

1. Holy Trinity Keepers of the Vision – What values will Holy Trinity endorse? Veronica asked that we keep thinking about Holy Trinity's values in preparation for discussion during a future agenda.
2. Discernment May 21, 2017: A discussion about the discernment process followed. The process is good but complaints were that it was too long. The time depends on how many people are discerning. Not all current members of the councils and commissions attended even though they are requested to attend each year. 25 members discerned or re-discerned participation in their respective groups.
3. Bylaws Update: The Pastoral Council's Bylaws are still under review. Several Council members have volunteered to review the Archdiocese's Council and Commission Guidelines regarding function and purpose language to assure that the Bylaws are in compliance. It was suggested that a workgroup review the Archdiocese guidelines and prepare a draft over the summer and submitted for Veronica's review. Acceptance could be completed at the September meeting.
4. October Parish Mission: A parish mission will be held October 7 – 11, 2017. The Council members determined that the October 14th Pastoral Council meeting can be convened without conflicting with the mission.
5. Other New Business:
 - a. Handling of Medical Emergencies during Mass: Carl voiced concerns raised by ushers about handling medical emergencies. An AED device is being purchased by the parish. Carl will look into scheduling First Aid classes for ushers and other parish members.
 - b. New Deacon: Deacon John Amlag will be joining Holy Trinity to augment the deaconate services available. An amendment will be made to the budget to accommodate possible expenses for travel, continuing education, vestment cleaning, retreats, etc. No salary is provided for the deacons' services.
 - c. Budget Approval: Veronica provided a brief review of the 2017-2018 budget. Items from the 2016-2017 budget that were significantly under spent were cut by the Finance Council. Funds for the web-based FORMED program were included in next year's budget. Next year's budget is \$12,000 less than the current year's budget. The Pastoral Council recommended that President Dan Anderson review and sign the proposed budget.
 - d. Priest for Spanish Masses: Fr. Dennis Sevilla has been filling in for Fr. Henry Hernando during his illness and will replace him if he retires.

Closing Business

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: September 9, 2017 at 8:30 AM

- Next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 5 at 11:15 AM.
- Read Divine Renovation, Ch. 6 "The Front Door: The Sacraments as Our Greatest Pastoral Opportunity"

Closing Prayer: Aida Lawver

Adjournment and Clean Up: All