

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

October 11, 2021

- Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Pat Allfrey, Karena Belin, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Bob Ramirez, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Raquel Valdez
- Absent:** Fr. Dwight Lewis
- Opening Prayer:** Veronica Kelley
- Minutes:** All Members present approved the September 13,2021 Meeting Minutes.

Selection of Pastoral Council Officers for 2021-2022:

The election of new officers for the 2021-2022 parish year was held with the following council members elected:

- Chairperson: Lloyd Sandell,
- Co-Vice-Chairpersons: Pat Allfrey and Karena Belin
- Secretary: Ingrid Spencer

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 8 – Cultural Diversity in Parish Life

After reading Chapter 8 on Cultural Diversity, the Council agreed that the whole book has a lot of good data, but no answers. Discussion ensued about how we can get all of the Holy Trinity's nationalities to participate in our liturgical celebrations. Currently we have separate Masses for the English and Spanish speaking parishioners with some cross-over. About 100-160 Hispanic people attend the Spanish Mass. The Filipino parishioners celebrated the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz with only about 50 parishioners in attendance. All agreed that in pre-Covid times more people attended these special celebrations because a social gathering with their culture's food followed the Mass.

The Council agreed that the primary challenge is overcoming language differences. At the recent Healing Mass the church was packed with both English and Spanish speaking people. The Spanish choir provided the music which was very much appreciated. On December 12th Holy Trinity will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Community is meeting weekly to plan the details of the celebration.

Several suggestions were made:

- Begin an education class for English and Spanish speaking people to learn the Mass prayers in each other's language. The goal would be to teach the parishioners so they could attend Spanish and English Masses to encourage fellowship of the parishioners.
- Conduct a survey about how Holy Trinity can best meet the needs of the different cultural communities of the Parish including practical and worship.

It was decided that the Council continue discussing these topics during this Council year.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The website continues to be updated as necessary to promote the ongoing operations and events of our Parish. This is an effective communication tool due to much effort being put forth in order to keep our information current and factual. More volunteers are being trained to do the live streaming of the Masses with Jay Carlson taking a more active role in creating and scheduling the streaming presentations. Rebuilding the Technology Committee and finding someone to provide graphic artist skills to make our website more appealing is a work in progress. At the present time the status of our technology infrastructure is adequate and does get the job done, however, major upgrades are needed in the future. This involves budgeting more funds to support the operational fees associated with migrating from local-based to Cloud-based services. The Archdiocese has encouraged us to shift to Office 365, which is a subscription fee service. They are also in the process of selecting a Cloud-based system to replace the Parish data systems. This requires monthly fees. Our website uses Joomla as the open-source content management system. Joomla is no longer actively supported by the website host, Siteground. They recommend switching to WordPress. Our heating system control system uses Java which will also be discontinued. It is recommended that Holy Trinity have an Instagram account and other social media, which should be considered and integrated into our office software programs. At the present time our system works well.

Faith Formation Committee: Pat Alfrey

Our Adult Enrichment classes began last month and continue every Tuesday from 7-9 pm. The Young Adult Ministry group led by Walter Bogaardt meets Thursday nights from 7-8 pm. Twenty-eight students received First Eucharist on May 1st. Seventeen High School students and eighteen Jr. High students were confirmed on May 14th. Nine children were baptized by Fr. Alfredo on June 19th, and one child on June 20th. Spanish Baptism preparation classes were held in August and September. Eleven children will be baptized October 10th and November 13th. We currently have about 100 students enrolled in Faith Formation classes. The Faith Formation children are working on cloth squares to be included in a tapestry project. The

Youth Ministry Directors attended a retreat September 8th and 9th and would like to take a delegation from Holy Trinity to the World Youth Day in 2023 to be held in Lisbon, Portugal.

Father Dwight would like to hold a children's and teen mass every other month beginning at the end of October. He would like to involve them as greeters, ushers, lectors, making announcements, presenting petitions, presenting Eucharistic gifts with help from members of the different ministries. The children are asked to dress up as Saints on October 31st, and hand out candy after Mass. There will be a Confirmation retreat March 25th at Holy Trinity.

Finance Council: **Veronica Kelley**

The Council did not meet in September. No envelopes were mailed out for the October contributions but they were put in the entry ways instead.

Liturgy Committee: **Veronica Kelley**

On October 1st at 7:00 p.m. there will be Adoration and Benediction. On Saturday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. there will be a Mass for the Disabled parishioners. On October 16th and 17th we will also have Anointing of the Sick at all Masses. There will be 48 hours of prayer and adoration beginning Thursday, October 21st starting with Mass at 9 a.m. and concluding with Benediction and Mass Saturday, October 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Father Dwight will celebrate Mass every four hours. Sign-up sheets are available to sign up for a particular time. The Stewardship of Treasures Campaign will begin with forms available October 23/24 and include stewardship speakers during Masses on November 6th and 7th. Holy Trinity will welcome the Confirmandi from around the Deanery on November 14th. The next healing Mass will be on November 18th at 7:00 pm. On November 24th all Parish Catechists will be commissioned at the 9:45 a.m. Mass.

Knights of Columbus: **Bob Ramirez**

The Knights' collection of school supplies was very successful. October 23rd will be the tootsie roll drive at the Silverdale Safeway store. The Knights are working on putting together Thanksgiving and Christmas center pieces. They are also helping at Camp Stand-by-Me for the disabled children. The Knights continue to support the men's and women's shelters by providing dinners for them. The sale of box lunches is a primary fund-raising function for the Knights but the Archdiocese will not allow this per Covid regulations. They were contacted by the Knights' District Coordinator to help distribute supplies from their durable medical equipment warehouse to disabled people. The Knights recruited 9 new members. For the Thanksgiving food drive on October 31 they are looking for monetary donations and food specific for Thanksgiving dinners.

Discipleship Committee: Nancy Koch

The Committee will meet on Monday, October 18th, at 10 am. Raquel Valdez and Karena Belin volunteered to join the committee.

Old Business:

1. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project
Another leak on the back wall in the church was discovered and is waiting to be repaired. They have ordered the flooring for the Social Hall and will replace the entry way later.
2. COVID-19 Concerns: Update from the Archdiocese
Guidelines from the Archdiocese are still a work in progress as Covid continues. Holy Trinity is looking at providing a Covid vaccine clinic and possibly other services for the parishioners.

New Business:

1. Priorities Pastoral Council Focus for 2021-2022
The Council wants to address ways to build up our parish community while honoring our various cultures. We need to identify the various cultures in our parish community and implement ways to attract parishioners back to Mass without having food.
2. Retreats and Missions - Tabled
 - a. Married Couples Retreat
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church - Tabled
4. Member Concerns and Needs – Tabled
5. Future Meetings Prayer Leader and Membership Lists
 - a. Prayer Leaders for November Meeting
Opening Prayer: Raquel Valdez
Closing Prayer: Diana Graff

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, November 8th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Pat Allfrey

Adjournment: All