

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

September 13, 2021

- Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Fr. Dwight Lewis, Diana Graff, Bob Ramirez, Nancy Koch, Ingrid Spencer, Raquel Valdez, Pat Allfrey, Lloyd Sandell, Deacon Henry Miner, Deacon John Amlag
- Absent:** Karena Belin
- Opening Prayer:** Nancy Koch
- Minutes:** All Members present approved the May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- Study Time:** Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 8 – Cultural Diversity in Parish Life

Since the new members of the Pastoral Council did not receive the Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century book to read and study before our meeting, discussion was tabled until the October meeting. A general discussion ensued about how we engage our various ethnic groups into our parish community both socially and sacramentally. We also discussed how to get more diverse leadership in our councils and committees; the Council identified language barriers as a big problem that inhibits good communication. The consensus was that we need to be more welcoming and reach out to the different ethnic groups as well as our parishioners who used to attend and have not yet returned to Church. Fr. Dwight also stated that to solve the problem of a lack of priests, each parish needs to produce one priest every 5 years and to provide deacons and other religious to support parish activities.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The website continues to be updated as necessary to promote the ongoing operations and events of our parish. We have created a new page for Father Dwight, which quickly rose to be one of the most visited pages. The most popular pages are the Bulletin, followed by livestream, and Father Dwight's page. Funerals, baptisms, and other special masses are livestreamed. Nancy Koch now helps to monitor our website and tracks needed updates and changes. The website is an effective, valid, and up-to-date communication tool when current information is provided in a timely manner to properly publish the events. The office staff is actively updating upcoming events and the Funeral section. Lloyd is eager to rebuild the Technology Committee and to find someone who is a possible graphic artist or interested in this skill to make the website more appealing. The Council suggested that Holy Trinity have an Instagram account since many younger parishioners use that site more often than Facebook.

Faith Formation Committee: Pat Allfrey

The next meeting of the Faith Formation Committee will be tomorrow, September 14th. All volunteers who deal with children are required to be vaccinated according to guidelines from the State and Archdiocese. Classes will be held in person and by Zoom.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

The Finance Council has not yet met. The Parish has hired a full-time Parish Facilities Manager, Rick Wessling, and a part-time custodian, Ben, who works about 21-22 hours per week. They have accomplished much work around the Parish.

Liturgy Committee: Veronica Kelley

The Liturgy Committee has not met. We now have three candidates for the music director position and interviews will begin soon.

Social Justice Committee (SJC):

The Committee has been discontinued for the time being until revisions to the mission of the committee can be made.

Knights of Columbus: Bob Ramirez

The Tootsie Roll drive has been very successful in the past and one will be held Saturday, October 23rd, in Silverdale. The sale of Spring Bouquets for Mother's Day was very successful. Bob will investigate getting a Silver Rose for our parish celebration. Some work parties have been scheduled and they are looking into scheduling some on Saturdays to accommodate the working men. Work at Camp Stand-by-Me is planned to help disabled children. They continue to feed the women's and men's shelters. The school supply drive for St. Vincent de Paul was very successful. The box lunches are not available at the present time due to Covid restrictions. The Knights have recruited nine new members.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee
 - a. Discipleship Committee Report

Deacon John, Lloyd, Nancy, Veronica, and George Ballance have developed a Mission Statement, which encourages a new commitment to stewardship as a way of life and a sense of belonging to our parish family. They are still looking for more members. Father Dwight and Raquel Valdez volunteered and Karena Belin previously volunteered as a new member.

2. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project
Some water damage and leaks have been repaired. We have received a bid for the Social Hall floors but the flooring materials were unacceptable. A sound engineer is evaluating the Church's sound system and his report will be available soon. The landscaping work around the renovated Church is still in progress.
3. COVID-19 Concerns:
 - a. Update from the Archdiocese – A new and revised COVID-19 directive has been received and is being analyzed for implementation.
4. Married Couples Retreat –The parish wants to have this retreat in person and is talking to Deacon Eric Paige, the Archdiocese Director of Marriage, Family Life, and Formation for help in putting the retreat together.
5. Called to Serve as Christ Campaign to Support the Priest and Retired Sisters Medical and Retirement Fund – Update

The Archdiocese met its original campaign goal. Holy Trinity Parish's contributions are in the top 25% of parishes' contributions. Parishes are being paid their portion of contributions as they are received.

New Business:

1. Council Officers for 2021-2022

New officers for the Pastoral Council will be elected at the October meeting. Veronica asked the members to dress appropriately for our parish photo.
2. Retreats and Missions - Tabled
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church – Tabled
4. Member Concerns and Needs to address in 2021-2022 - Tabled
5. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List – Tabled

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, October 11th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

A picture will be taken of the group of Council members at this meeting.

Opening Prayer Leader: Veronica Kelley

Closing Prayer Leader: Pat Allfrey

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (only current Pastoral Council officers need attend).

Closing Prayer: Lloyd Sandell

Adjournment: All