

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

October 12, 2020

Attendees: Veronica Kelley, Carol Alcamo, Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Lanny Ross, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer

Opening Prayer: Lloyd Sandell

Minutes: All Members – September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Forward and Chapter 1 – Introduction was discussed. There was nothing in the Introduction that surprised us. What we knew about the aging of priests and deacons within the archdiocese was confirmed; most are over 60 years of age. We will discuss Chapter 2: A Quarter-Century of Change at the November meeting.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee has not met. The website is being updated as necessary to promote the ongoing operations and events of our parish. They are working on placing the fixed mounted camera in a networking streaming configuration to support livestreaming from the renovated church to be ready for our first Mass. Lloyd has trained two additional technicians who will be available for our livestreaming events.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

The Commission will meet tomorrow. Lois and Marylou are working on scheduling their classes which started last week. About 65 students have signed up for the various programs. In person classes for Confirmation for Junior and High School students have been approved by the Archdiocese. Other classes are done online. Lois and Marylou attend weekly Zoom meetings which are offered by the Archdiocese to help them learn about online learning teaching.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

Update: 2020-2021 Budget:

Nancy signed the Budget that the Pastoral Council approved last month. Overall there is a decrease of 6% in expenses from last year. We are currently operating at a deficit. We will be able to get some relief from parish savings. We are trying to cut budget expenses as much as possible, reducing staff hours, etc. Last weekend's collection amounted to \$17,000, which is good. We are trying to cut expenses where and when we can. Of concern is a decreased

collection from holiday Masses which usually generates about \$7,200. However, since Mass attendance will be smaller, the collections will most likely be smaller also.

Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2019-2020

We currently owe approximately \$2,000 to the Archdiocese for pledges that were made but have not been paid.

Update Annual Catholic Appeal 2020-2021

Our goal is to raise \$132,000. So far we there has been \$110,000 in pledges. If we come within 10% of the required goal (\$118,800), the Archdiocese will forgive the additional 10%.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

The Commission met last Saturday. They are planning the reopening of the church and preparation for Thanksgiving. Veronica has asked the Archdiocese if we can use the renovated church before the dedication of the altar. We do not have a firm date for a bishop to come to dedicate the Church. The Archdiocese does not foresee a conflict because the bishops' schedules are not tight. The dedication and most Masses will continue to be transmitted by livestreaming. There are not enough parishioners to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers because some of the older people are concerned about risks to their health.

Planning for Advent will be discussed at the November 6th meeting.

Social Justice Commission (SJC): Lanny Ross, Diana Graff

The SJC met virtually. A cold weather drive will be held the weekends of October 17 and 18 and October 24 and 25. Collection bins will be placed in the parish office and in front of the Faith Formation office. The Commission is collecting hats, gloves, socks, and sleeping bags that are new or gently used, and money for the cause. Donations will go to St. Vincent DePaul. If there is enough money, they will also donate to StandUp4Kids. There will be no Angel Tree program this year. Parishioners are asked to bring gift cards or unwrapped toys instead. Bill Dewey and the Knights of Columbus are working with St. Vincent de Paul to coordinate this year's gift giving.

Knights of Columbus: Carol Alcamo

The Knights will have a Tootsie Roll Drive on October 17th at Safeway in Silverdale. They will deliver meals to Benedict house on October 22nd. Meals for the homeless will be prepared and delivered to Benedict House and St. Vincent de Paul Women's Shelter on October 22nd and October 29th. The Thanksgiving drive through Food Drive will be held November 8th from 10:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. All donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Campaign Leadership Team: Lloyd Sandell

Contributions to the Capital Campaign Fund are still on track. As of September 15th the total amount of pledges equal \$3,708,230 (106%). The total amount of donations received amount thus far is \$3,299,818. The official shortfall of funds is \$240,182 (less than 7%). The Grant Team recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Frost & Margaret Snyder Foundation to assist with our pews and floors expenditures. Project Manager George Kevins is estimating a savings of about 10% because of tasks that were being done by volunteer parishioners. There has been no interest in finding a new location for the old pews.

Any monies saved and donated will be used for landscaping around the front of the Church and upgrading the floors in the Social Hall (estimated at \$50,000).

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee

a. Discipleship Committee

The Committee has not met. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:30 p.m. and we are recruiting people who are interested in the goals of the committee to join. *[Note: The meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4th at 1:30 p.m.]*

b. The Virtual Conference 2020: Encounter! Meeting Jesus on Higher Ground
Veronica, Nancy and Lloyd attended the Zoom conference. Lloyd was able to download the presentations to thumb drives for the Discipleship Committee to review. Many good ideas were shared.

2. Priorities determined by the Parish Council members needing attention: **TABLED**

Highest Priority

- a. Engage new parishioners in parish activities: Invite new parishioners to a social gathering to explain parish groups and activities. This should be by a handwritten invitation.
- b. Contact fallen away parishioners about returning to the church, in particular reaching out to those who have been divorced or remarried outside the church.

Lower Priority

- c. Reconvene the bereaved widows/widowers group. It was suggested that we investigate collaborating with the Star of the Sea group.

- d. Focus development of programs and activities for the 18-35 year-old adults and the Latino community.
 - e. Have church activities to engage families, parents, and their children.
3. Update: Finishing of Renovation Project
- Finishing of the anchoring the pews should be completed today. A picture of Mary from the Vatican Museum has been donated to replace the Marian Relief. It has the same color and image as the Marian relief. Part of the new cabinets for the sacristy and vesting rooms are coming today. We are using the existing altar with the addition of a new altar stone. The tabernacle is not complete. The crucifix will be completed by the end of October.
4. COVID-19 Concerns:
- a. Reopening of Churches for Public Masses – A new plan was submitted to the Archdiocese and we are waiting for their response. Approximately 115 people will be allowed in the renovated sanctuary.
 - b. Reopening Meeting Rooms for Parish Meetings – We are open for Parish meetings again and are following COVID regulations. Meeting rooms are not available at this time for non-parish groups because of Covid supervision, sanitization procedures and the ability for contact tracing.
 - c. Veronica will contact St. Gabriel’s Parish about the disinfectant they use on their pews which is not bleach-based.
5. Married Couples Retreat – Tabled temporarily, possibly will be done on-line.
6. Called to Serve as Christ Campaign to Support the Priest and Retired Sisters Medical and Retirement Campaign Fund – Update
- At this time about 6% of parishioners are participating. Volunteers tasked with attempting to contact our parishioners experienced difficulty because of missing or incorrect information. Updating the contact information for existing parishioners was identified as a priority.

New Business:

- 1. Celebration for Opening Our Renovated Church – Before the church is ready for Masses, all ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers, etc.) will need to be retrained for the renovated church.

2. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church: **TABLED**

3. Year of the Eucharist – Next Steps

The Archdiocese will provide an online presentation for parishioners who have signed up to participate. The Archbishop's letter will be divided into sections with virtual training.

4. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List – See dates below for meeting dates.

For the November 9th meeting Pat Allfrey will lead the Opening Prayer and Veronica Kelley will lead the Closing Prayer.

5. Member Concerns and Needs

- a. The Parish Stewardship Drive will begin in two weeks.
- b. Nancy shared copies of a prayer and letter written by Rev. Michael Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral, about the broader meaning of “pro-life.”

Closing Business:

Next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

[Note: The meeting was rescheduled to Monday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m.]

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Ingrid Spencer

Adjournment: All