

## Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

November 9, 2019

**Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Dan Anderson, Pat Allfrey, Nancy Koch, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Kevin Williams, Deacon John Amlag

**Absent:** Carol Alcamo, Diana Graff, Davin Reyes, Lanny Ross

**Gathering and Refreshments:** Lloyd Sandell

**Opening Prayer:** Dan Anderson

**Minutes:** All Members – October Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Study Time:** **Stewardship: A Disciple's Response** – Appendix II, Stewardship and Development in Catholic Dioceses and Parishes, Foreword and Section I - Introduction, pp. 45-50, and discussion.

### Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions, and Committee Reports:

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee met on November 6<sup>th</sup>. They built pledge forms for the Stewardship campaign which have been uploaded to the online Stewardship page. Upcoming events include the Angel Tree, Advent Family Sunday and the Holly Jolly Festival. Slides to showcase these events were created and uploaded. Advent activities will be addressed and implemented as needed. A new picture for the current Pastoral Council members has been uploaded.

Faith Formation: Pat Allfrey

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12. The Commission is working on a monthly newsletter. The Holly Jolly Festival will be Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. Advent Family Sunday is planned for December 1<sup>st</sup> which includes making wreaths and ornaments. Help is needed for the Holy Family Sunday planned for December 29<sup>th</sup>. In place of the Novena there will be three days of evening prayer. A Children's Music Program will be presented on December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas in collaboration with Todd Flowerday. A family barbecue is planned for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

The Council viewed all expenditures and costs. If everyone fulfills their pledges, we will meet the Annual Catholic Appeal assessment for 2019. Capital Campaign numbers are a little behind. It is difficult to budget when people are not pledging for the Parish Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship pledges received so far are less than 60 families; four more speakers will present their Stewardship journeys this weekend.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

Before the 7:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, a children's music program will be presented. The Commission is preparing Advent and Christmas liturgies. Due to the limited space during the renovation, the back windows of the "baby church" will be used to create a Nativity Scene and a Christmas tree will be placed in the wooded area. Rooms 8 and 10 will be used to broadcast Mass to accommodate overflow crowds. Father John Topel is leaving as of November 23<sup>rd</sup>; a gathering to thank Fr. Topel for his service will be held after the 5 PM Mass that day.

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

The Commission completed the cold weather drive and the donations were made to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Commission members want to participate in the Veterans Stand Down events. They also discussed possibly participating with the Star of the Sea Knights' booth at the Kitsap County Fair.

Knights of Columbus: Kevin Williams

A "Coats for Kids" fundraiser is being planned for the end of November. Walmart is donating \$1,000 in support of the project. The Knights are helping with a men's retreat on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with Father Topel leading the retreat. An evening of remembrance for parish members who have passed away last year is planned on November 16<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 PM Mass. Christmas card sales will take place in the welcome center. The Knights of Columbus will participate in a procession during the Veterans' Day program at the Fairgrounds. The last Tootsie Roll Drive collected \$1,275. The Knights put up white boards in the Faith Formation classrooms.

Campaign Leadership Team: Lloyd Sandell

The Team met on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Lloyd gave a presentation on the "State of the Campaign". The Campaign is moving in a positive direction but needs to put in a renewed effort into other fundraising methods. We will have a Construction Site walk through the renovated church on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM and Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. An informational Newsletter will be inserted in the November 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin. As of October 27<sup>th</sup> we have received a total of \$2,352,503 along with a contribution of \$312,000 from our Parish savings account. This brings the total campaign fund to \$2,664,503 which is \$575,497 short of the \$3,240,000 goal.

### **Old Business:**

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Commission  
Discussion: A Discipleship Committee has been formed with Veronica, Nancy, Lloyd, Kevin, Davin, and George Ballance. Virgie Carlson has also been invited to join the group. The Committee is working to develop a Mission Statement for the workgroup. Steve Homiak, Director of Annual Campaigns and Parish Support for the Seattle Archdiocese, will present "Stewardship 101" to the Pastoral and Finance Councils in late January 2020.
2. Priorities determined by the Parish Council members needing attention: Discussion was 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. Marilou Marcotte, the new Faith Formation coordinator, has begun working on this. Davin is interested in helping.
3. Engaged Couples Retreat: Deacon John Amlag is planning a retreat for couples preparing for marriage in January.
  4. Pilgrimage Update – Nancy Koch

22 people will participate in the Holy Land/Jordan pilgrimage which departs November 15<sup>th</sup>. The next pilgrimage will be to Italy and Switzerland on September 25 – October 6, 2020.

### **New Business:**

1. Deanery Workshop – Best Practices for Marriage Preparation has been cancelled and will be discussed at the regular Deanery meeting.
2. Member Concerns and Needs: Council members suggested that those scheduled to bring refreshments and provide opening and closing prayers to the following meeting be included on the current agenda.

### **Closing Business:**

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is January 11, 2020 @ 8:30 AM.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be scheduled at a future date and time.

**Closing Prayer:** Nancy Koch

**Adjournment and Clean Up**