

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

April 4, 2022

Attendees: Veronica Kelley, Fr. Dwight Lewis, Pat Allfrey, Karena Belin, Diana Graff, Gabby Ituarte, Bob Ramirez, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Raquel Valdez, Deacon Henry Miner

Absent: Nancy Koch

Guests: Margaret Miner

Opening Prayer: Ingrid Spencer

Minutes: All Members present approved the March 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 10 – Summary and Conclusion

We need to establish community and unity in all parishes among all cultures. Possible solutions include having bilingual masses, music, choir, big celebrations, listening sessions, etc.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

No news to report at the present time. Four people are streaming the masses now.

Faith Formation Committee: Pat Allfrey

The Committee is not meeting until April 19. They are stuffing eggs for the Easter Sunday egg hunt.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

The Council is looking at the needs of the parish. Some estimates for benefits are not quite as high. All staff people are looking at budgets and will submit their needs. They are also looking at funding needs for music director, bookkeeper, administrator, and technology.

Liturgy Committee: Veronica Kelley

The Committee is primarily working on the liturgy for Holy Week and Easter. We need to encourage people to become involved in the different ministries for the church.

Knights of Columbus:

Bob Ramirez

The Knights are working on having different ethnic booths for lunches. Lunches were sold successfully. They will do food drives during summer. They are still doing membership drives, including the Hispanic community. The Knights received many decorations from Party City. We need to let people know what specific food items are needed. Diaper drives were also successful. The food banks share their supplies within the different communities. There are a lot of Covid test kits on hand and need to be distributed.

Discipleship Committee:

Nancy Koch

The Committee did not meet.

Hispanic Ministry:

Raquel Valdez

The Knights of Columbus distributed meals to go after the Spanish Mass. This was very successful. One of the interpreters, Mayra, is leaving in two weeks which will only leave two interpreters. The ministry is working with the Knights of Columbus to invite more men in the community. The interpreters for the homily want to try using earpieces to help project the sound better. The Ministry also wants to provide flyers in Spanish for the Divine Mercy celebration. They would like to plan some get-togethers to socialize after the Spanish Mass and possibly provide some food at that time.

Father Dwight:

Parish Concerns

The new priest is coming in July. We want a smooth transition and determine what he needs. The Council should meet the new priest prior to his coming. He should also be invited to the Corpus Christi celebration. During the last week of June a celebration of the people leaving should be planned.

Old Business:

1. Update: Remaining Renovation Projects
 - a. Sound system / acoustical upgrades
They are still working on how to configure these upgrades. The company who installed the speakers will be contacted about repositioning the speakers.
 - b. Holy Trinity signage
We are waiting for a permit.

2. Holy Trinity office staffing progress
We are advertising for a new administrator, bookkeeper, and music director.

3. Holy Trinity Leadership Discernment

We don't have a date at the present time. We need to make an effort to invite people personally to apply for any Committee or Ministry positions.

New Business:

1. Synodal Process: We are a Listening Church wrap-up
Sessions have been completed and the report will be forwarded to the Archdiocese.
Concerns: being more responsive to real needs in the community, parents' concerns about kids leaving the church. There will be a meeting before the report is submitted.
2. We need to organize a Thank You and Farewell event for the Parish Staff/Clergy who are leaving.
This will be done after the Corpus Christi celebration.
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church – Tabled
We are planning to invite someone from law enforcement.
4. Other Member Concerns and Needs
The Discipleship Committee shared Margaret Miner's concern about the Time and Talent Forms and will be addressing this concern in the future. Mrs. Miner was invited to the Finance Committee meeting where her concerns in her letter were addressed, and any further questions are to be taken directly to the Archdiocese level per the Archdiocese.
A notice will be placed in the bulletin to raise Parish awareness that abusive language and behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated at our church.
Veronica will notify the Archdiocese about any verbal assaults that have taken place.

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Lloyd Sandell

Adjournment: All

Holy Trinity Councils and Committee Reports: Tabled

New Business:

1. Pastoral Council member Discernment

2. Holy Trinity's sponsoring and supporting vocation candidates
3. Other member concerns and needs

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Closing Prayer: Karena Belin

Adjournment: All