

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

February 8, 2021

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

Absent: Lanny Ross, Kevin Williams

Opening Prayer: Ingrid Spencer

Minutes: All Members present approved the January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 4 – Parish Reconfiguration Strategies. The members concluded that the trend to reconfigure parishes will continue.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee keeps updating the website in order to promote the ongoing operations and events of our Parish, such as Mass live-streaming, bulletins, and other Church information. The online reservation system, Eventbrite, is functioning adequately to meet our Mass signup requirements. Our newly remodeled and dedicated Sanctuary can safely accommodate 115 seats per Mass. We have moved the Live-Streaming Camera to the new location in the Sanctuary. This new and improved method of Live-Streaming of the Mass with new equipment and streaming location has been implemented and was tested as fully operational.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Alfrey

The Commission meets tomorrow. Confirmation classes are going well. The NET Team Confirmation Retreat will be virtually on Zoom on Sunday, February 21, from 1-4 p.m. The post Confirmation classes will be held Saturdays once each month from 1-2 p.m.

The Holy Trinity men's group meets monthly from 9-10 a.m. with Deacon John as facilitator.

The Butter Braids fundraiser last fall was successful. The sale profit was \$624.00, with extra donations of \$310.00, for a total of \$934.00. We will have another fundraiser for Easter on March 6 and 7 with delivery on March 20 and 21.

We have 95 students in Grades 1-8 enrolled for First Communion. Students from the Guatemalan community attend classes in person. We have 3 students in the Junior High Confirmation class.

1st graders meet on the first Sunday of the month online. 3rd-5th graders meet on the 2nd Sunday, and 6-8th graders and one 9th grade student meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We have 19 children from the Latino community waiting to be baptized.

There will be a Safe Environment Power to Protect Training in March.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

- Update: 2020-2021 Budget:

The Finance Council is still reworking the Budget reassessing the deficit and reconsidering furloughed staff hours. Christmas collections helped the budget move closer to a balanced status. People who use envelopes are faithful in their donations. We do not plan to hire a full-time music director due to budget constraints. The Payroll Protection Plan loan received in 2020 has not been forgiven yet.

Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2019-2020

Holy Trinity is still paying off the assessment for the 2019-2020 campaign.

- Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2020-2021

We are still behind in donations for the current campaign and may not reach the 10% forgiveness level.

- Renovation Campaign Update:

The budgeted cost of the renovation is covered but needs revision to account for extra expenses for the wall crosses and landscaping. We have a 4-month old bid to finish the floor for the Social Hall for \$58,000; this bid needs to be updated. We will probably paint the concrete floor in the kitchen. We need to have some tree removal along the back of the parish property done because of potential danger from high winds. The old pews are available to be moved.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

The Commission has been busy with the Rededication Ceremony and Lent. Getting out information is the next priority. The Vatican has mandated that ashes not be put on the forehead but sprinkled on the head. There will be two Ash Wednesday services (9am and 7 pm). The music will be selected for Lenten season and will be simple. We will not be able to drape the crucifix because it is too large.

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

The SJC had a Zoom meeting on January 14th. The Commission will be providing envelopes for donations to the Pregnancy Resource Services on the February 13-14 weekend. February 12th will be the next meeting of the Committee.

Knights of Columbus: Carol Alcamo

The Knights finished preparing meals for Benedict House and the Birkenfeld Stella Maris House in January with the help from Ed Sangil and Jaime Rivera.

The January 17th food drive was successful with a collection of 3,591 lbs. of food and donations of \$4,045.00. This is a total of 28,825 lbs. of food and \$25,760.00. Most donations were taken to the St. Vincent de Paul foodbank.

The Knights helped with maintenance items for the Easter Seal Camp. Their Tootsie Roll Drive received donations of \$2,100.00.

The Coats for Kids Program received 26 coats from the St. Vincent de Paul donations. This totals about 50 from the 200 distributed.

In February they will continue providing meals for the Benedict House and Birkenfeld Stella Maris House. They will have a Rose Sale for the St. Valentine's Day weekend.

There will be an Easter Day Food Drive on Saturday/Sunday, March 13th and 14th.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee

The next meeting of the Discipleship Committee will be Tuesday, February 9th, 2021. They will be discussing Vision Statements that support their Mission Statement.

2. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project

Landscaping work will be done to complete the project.

3. COVID 19 Concerns

We are still in Phase 1 of the Covid-19 regulations. Phase 2 will allow us to increase the attendance for funerals and weddings to 25% of capacity.

4. Married Couples Retreat – Tabled temporarily

5. Called to Serve as Christ Campaign to Support the Priest and Retired Sisters Medical and Retirement Fund – Update
A second mailing was conducted by the Archdiocese. There was no increase in participation, which is currently 39%. We are beginning to receive the parish’s share of the donations made by our parishioners.

New Business:

1. Celebration for Opening Our Renovated Church: Report
The rededication of our church was very inspiring. Everything went very well.
2. Other Retreats and Missions
Ron Ryan will facilitate a retreat at Holy Trinity in March entitled “What Does a Mature Catholic Look Like”. He will do another retreat in May about how to get through difficult times, like COVID. A parish mission will be held in April with Father Ron Hoye.
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church – Tabled
4. Year of the Eucharist – Next Steps
Veronica will try to get Victoria Reese to do a presentation on the Eucharist in early summer.
5. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List for March Meeting
 - a. Opening Prayer: Pat Allfrey
 - b. Closing Prayer: Veronica Kelley
2. Member Concerns and Needs

This year the discernment process will be done by each group. We are looking for new people who may be interested to join the councils and commissions.

Closing Business:

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

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Diana Graff

Adjournment: All