

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

February 14, 2022

- Attendees:** Veronica Kelley Father Dwight Lewis, Pat Allfrey, Karena Belin, Diana Graff, Bob Ramirez, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Raquel Valdez, Deacon Henry Miner, Deacon John Amlag
- Absent:** Nancy Koch
- Guests:** Gabby Ituarte, Denise Caughell
- Opening Prayer:** Pat Allfrey
- Minutes:** All Members present approved the January 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Study Time:** Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 10 – Summary and Conclusion

This chapter discusses the trends we have seen in our parish and others. Technology, declining participation in the sacraments, lack of participation in other parish opportunities, continuing formation, other priorities, missing middle-age people or parents, focus on minimum participation, and lack of personal invitation. Lloyd would like to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The website continues to be an effective communication tool. However, there is an obvious need for more trained volunteers and/or office staff to keep it updated with current information and Parish events.

Our website uses Joomla as the open-source content management system. Joomla is no longer actively supported by the website host, Siteground. They recommend switching to WordPress which is a more user-friendly application. The switch would involve contracting out the process and the cost is unknown at this time.

Our Parish along with the other parishes in the Archdiocese will not be converting from Parish Data System to a Cloud-based product called WeGather. The Vice President of Ministry Brands who owns the WeGather product informed the Archdiocese that it is no longer feasible for them to maintain and support the product and now plans on terminating it. The Archdiocese will continue to investigate other options reassuring us that they are not starting from scratch and are well positioned to respond to this unexpected event.

Father Dwight wants to add more cameras to our live-stream to enable better coverage of the Mass and special events. The necessary steps for implementation are being reviewed.

Faith Formation Committee: **Pat Allfrey**

We currently have 112 in-person students and 2 homeschoolers. The next Baptism will be on February 27th during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. The next Children's Mass is on February 27th at 9:45 a.m. The Safe Environment classes will also be offered on the same day. The Confirmation Retreat will be Friday, March 25th from 5:00-10:30 p.m. The National Evangelization Team (NET) from St. Paul, Minnesota, a team of 12 members, will facilitate this retreat. The First Eucharist Retreat will be April 30th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and the First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 7th. MaryLou attended several classes on Technology. Ron Ryan's presentation on December 1st went well and was live-streamed. The Young Adult Ministry meets Thursday evenings. The Search groups continue to meet once/month.

Finance Council: **Veronica Kelley**

The Council is looking at budgeting information from the Archdiocese. Salaries and benefits will be determined and priorities for staffing will have to be set.

Liturgy Committee: **Veronica Kelley**

The Committee discussed ways for improvement. More people were expected to attend last year's Christmas Mass. The average was between 200-225 people. However, the Children's Mass was well attended. Veronica would like to see if we can live-stream the Rite of Election on March 5th. The next Committee meeting is Saturday to make preparations for Lent and Easter.

Knights of Columbus: **Bob Ramirez**

The Knights focused on recruitment and target Military and Hispanic men. They just finished the Valentine flower drive with proceeds going to the Seminarians. They are planning a spring flower drive for Mother's Day. St. Vincent DePaul is very pleased with our contributions. In the future the Knights will be splitting the food distributions between St. Vincent de Paul's Food Bank and Central Kitsap Food Bank in Silverdale. Home cooked meals are offered twice each month to the men's and women's shelters. The Knights will help Kitsap Health Department with the distribution of medical equipment and supplies. Box lunches will start being offered next week. Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus Council has been successful in its community efforts and was given the Knight's Golden Star award for our region.

Discipleship Committee:

Lloyd Sandell for Nancy Koch

The Committee discussed what needs to be done. We need personal invitations for parishioners being recruited for the various ministries. Raquel offered to make up commitment cards to help people along making commitments for a certain time period for doing positive things.

Hispanic Ministry:

Raquel Valdez

The gospel is being read by the deacons. The group needs training and is asking for people to participate. The Ministry wants to plan something for Divine Mercy Sunday, i.e. prayers, adoration, and/or procession. They also need more interpreters to cover the occasional funerals. The Ministry is planning to have Sisters return to help the Hispanic Faith Formation classes if there are enough people in attendance.

Father Dwight:

Father Dwight believes that The Pastoral Council represents the Parish and nothing should be hidden from them. There is a lack of priests and some parishes may have to be combined in the future. Father Dwight has moved to the Ambrose Apartments at 4645 Bay Vista Boulevard, Apartment 207, Bremerton 98312.

Father Dwight has written a Vision Statement for Holy Trinity Parish and would like to receive some comments. The Evangelization team currently has about 35 people. They will develop a flyer and various printed materials to advertise our parish. Father is planning a procession for the Corpus Christi celebration on June 19th, followed by multicultural Masses, various cultural activities, food and entertainment. He also plans a pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 24th-November 4th, 2022.

Old Business:

1. Update: Remaining Renovation Projects- Tabled
2. Review of the Campaign Report and status of Holy Trinity Annual Reports for 2020 and 2021 - Tabled
3. Synodal Process: We are a listening Church – Tabled

New Business: (all sections Tabled)

1. Holy Trinity's sponsoring and supporting vocation candidates
2. Retreats and Missions
 - a. Parish Retreats
 - b. Consultative Bodies Retreat
 - c. Discernment
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church
4. Other member concerns and needs

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Ingrid Spencer

Adjournment: All