

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

January 11, 2021

Attendees: Veronica Kelley, Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer

Absent: Carol Alcamo, Kevin Williams, Lanny Ross

Opening Prayer: Lloyd Sandell for Lanny Ross

Minutes: All Members – November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 3 -Changing Demographics in Pastoral Leadership. The council members commented that Holy Trinity Parish demographics mirrors the demographic statistics presented in Chapter 3.

Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions and Committee Reports

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The website is being updated as needed to promote the ongoing operations and events of the parish such as Weekly Bulletins, Faith Formation fundraiser, virtual retreats, family videos, church dedication updates, etc. We are using a new online reservation system: “Eventbrite”, which is more reliable than the old system. However, this system requires parishioners to have a valid e-mail address, computers, or internet access in order to register online. Reservations can still be made by telephoning the parish office. Our internet service was upgraded to the Business 600+ plan. Marylou’s computer was replaced to support the Zoom conferencing requirements of Faith Formation.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

The Commission did not meet in December, but will meet tomorrow. There are 16 students enrolled in the High School Confirmation Zoom classes that are held on Sundays, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Current enrollment numbers for online First Communion are 22, in person First Communion are 10, 16 students for online Confirmation, 3 students for in person Confirmation, 2 students for in person RCIA. We have a total of 88 students enrolled so far. More textbooks were ordered and a Zoom Subscription was purchased. The Commission received a \$300.00 Scholarship from the Archdiocesan Faith Formation Department to pilot the Sadlier Curriculum.

The Men’s Prayer Group, led by Deacon John Amlag, met in November and December, and will meet in January. The Holy Trinity Ladies Faith sharing/book club meets virtually on

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. They are planning a Women's Retreat with Jan Alkire to be held in January via Zoom. The Monday morning Scripture Study group meets and is led by Carol Akin. They are working on a possible Zoom session for men and women with Jan Alkire, as well as a presentation with Ron Ryan on "The Year of the Eucharist". The Butter Braids Fundraiser collected \$850.00 with net earnings of \$500.00 to be used for scholarships.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

The Council did not meet in December. Christmas contributions from several generous parishioners who attended Masses helped to significantly decrease our operating deficit.

Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2019-2020: We are paying back the \$2,000.00 owed for last year's shortfall.

Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2020-2021: Pledges are still being made and we are close to 90% of the \$132,000 pledge goal to meet the level set by the Archdiocese to be able to forgive the final 10%.

Renovation Campaign Update: The campaign donations have completely covered the renovation costs. However, some additional money is needed for smaller items that were not anticipated. The Council will be looking at the budget again in January.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

The Commission did not meet last month. The focus is on the dedication of the church. Governor Inslee increased the number of people who could meet for funerals and weddings; Veronica is verifying the number.

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

The SJC had a Zoom meeting. In lieu of baby bottles the Commission wants to supply envelopes for donations for the Pregnancy Resources Services at the ushers' table. They would like to have announcements in the bulletin and notices on the website. Saint Gabriel and Saint Olaf parishes participate in a program for families with children under five years of age. The Commission wants to research what is involved in that program. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 14th, via Zoom.

Knights of Columbus: Carol Alcamo

In December, the Knights had a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul which collected 4,077 pounds of food and \$3,200.00. During 2020 the total collected was 25,000 pounds of food and \$21,400.00. They will host their first food drive of 2021 the weekend of January 16th and 17th.

They also participated in St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas event that incorporated the parish "Angel Tree" program with the Knights "Coats for Kids" program. They distributed 144 coats through this event and another 48 coats through two other programs.

The Knights prepared meals for the Benedict House and the Birkenfeld-Stella Maris House on December 10th and 23rd. They will continue preparing meals for both facilities in January.

Members also put up the Christmas crèche for Advent and put it away.

Future events include a St. Valentine's Day function and partnering with other Knights of Columbus Councils on a food drive and Tootsie Roll Drive.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee:

a. Discipleship Committee Mission Statement

The Committee met November 24th and adopted the following Mission Statement:

In gratitude to God for his unconditional love and abundant blessings, the Discipleship Committee of Holy Trinity Parish will encourage and nurture a commitment to stewardship as a way of life that is central to our baptismal calling among all members of our parish family.

They are now working to develop their Vision Statement to define how they will achieve their Mission Statement. Priorities determined by the Parish Council members in prior meetings will be considered as tasks if they meet the Vision Statement Goal.

2. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project

The tabernacle is almost done and will be installed very soon. The votive candle stands have been sent out for repainting and will be ready for the church dedication.

3. COVID-19 Concerns:

Veronica continues to review the revisions made to the Governor's Covid regulations and updates from the Archdiocese. Implementation and modifications are made as necessary.

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

The Archdiocese will be sending out a second mailing to parishioners who have not yet responded to the campaign. Holy Trinity parishioners exceeded its goal of 30% of the Archbishop's total goal, reaching nearly 40%. The generous donations by our parishioners were among the highest in the Archdiocese.

New Business:

1. Celebration for Opening Our Renovated Church

The January 30th date for the dedication was cancelled by the Archbishop due to scheduling conflicts. The new date for the dedication will be February 6th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The renovated church seating capacity is close to 500 people; therefore 115-120 seats will be available (25% of the total). Social distancing and wearing of masks are still required. Two rehearsals are planned for February 4th. The Mass will last approximately two hours. Archbishop Etienne will preside. Eleven clergy (priests and deacons) are invited. Catherine Benson, previous Music Minister for Holy Trinity, has been asked to lead the music along with two cantors. Various Committees, Councils and donors will make presentations. The Latino Community will be presenting the gifts. Parishioners of the Spanish, Guatemalan, Philippine, and Mexican communities will present the flowers. The Mass will be live-streamed.

2. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church: TABLED

3. Year of the Eucharist – Next Steps

Mr. Ron Ryan is developing a virtual presentation about the Year of the Eucharist to be presented as a mini-retreat in four sections. It will include the items published in the Archbishop's letter.

4. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List:

Opening Prayer will be led by Ingrid Spencer

Closing Prayer will be led by Diana Graf

5. Member Concerns and Needs - None

Closing Business:

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

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, February 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Veronica Kelley

Adjournment All

