

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

October 12, 2019

Attendees: Veronica Kelley, Carol Alcamo, Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Davin Reyes, Lanny Ross, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Kevin Williams

Absent: Dan Anderson

Gathering and Refreshments: Nancy Koch

Opening Prayer: Lloyd Sandell

Renovation Project Update: George Kevins

Minutes: All Members – September Meeting Minutes were approved.

Study Time: Tabled

Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions, and Committee Reports:

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee met October 2nd. We are in compliance with the Archdiocesan Social Media Guiding Principles for the most part. Bulletins are still published on the website. LPI is a new company who is now publishing the Parish bulletins. Changes to the website were needed to publish the parish bulletins because of this change. Recent photos have been uploaded to the SmugMug photo hosting service to showcase our parish. Marilou Marcotte will assist in better utilization of all of our social media resources to support our Faith Formation programs and to promote Holy Trinity Parish. Methods to highlight upcoming events on our website have been implemented. All of the Holy Trinity Councils and Commissions are asked to review their web content and to provide updates and new group pictures during the month of October.

Faith Formation: Pat Allfrey

Elections of officers were held. We have 97 enrollees for Faith Formation on Sundays with 10 catechists. 29 enrollees are attending on Wednesdays with 12 catechists with 36 adult and teen teaching assistants and volunteers. The Meet and Greet meeting was well attended. All Saints and Christmas programs are still in the works. The Curriculum materials were ordered from Loyola Press. Marilou Marcotte is working on a monthly newsletter. Plans are being made for Advent family Sunday on December 1st, Holy Family Sunday on December 29th, and a barbecue on May 30th.

FORMED has been realigned and they are working on a new program. A Catechist certification class will be offered at St. Gabriel's on October 21st. A Safe Environment class will be offered at Holy Trinity on October 22nd. 23 students are attending confirmation classes.

More Spanish families are coming forward to enroll, with 15 high school students currently enrolled. Ernesto Castro will be in charge of the RCIA program for the Spanish speaking adults. The Latino families are interested in participating in mini-retreats.

The Trunk or Treat will be held October 27th in the parking lot area. Advent Sunday will include making wreaths and ornaments. Todd Flowerday will collaborate with Faith Formation to present a

children's music program on November 3rd for All Saints Day and December 24th for Christmas. A coffee and butter braids fundraiser will be held in partnership with Coffee Oasis on the weekends of October 26-27 and November 2-3. The coffee and butter braids will be delivered November 16-17.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

George Kevins, Renovation Project Manager, presented a cost update to the Council. We probably will meet our Annual Catholic Appeal goal for this year. It is difficult to prepare the parish budget when people are not submitting their pledges to the stewardship campaign. At the end of October we will publish a flyer in the bulletin about stewardship. Weekly contributions are currently \$15,000 below budget projections.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

The Commission selected new officers. Ernesto Castro has been hired as the new Pastoral Assistant for the Latino Ministry. They also discussed upcoming events. Sacred Heart Radio will be doing a presentation at the end of each Mass. The commissioning of Liturgical Ministers will take place October 26-27. The children's program will be presented on Christmas Eve before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

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

The meeting will be this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The cold weather drive will be held October 25-26 and November 2-3. Any monetary donations will also be appreciated. October 18-19 will be the Cornerstone Catholic Conference in Tacoma.

Knights of Columbus: Kevin Williams

On October 12th and 19th there will be a Tootsie Roll drive at the East Bremerton and Silverdale Safeway stores. \$1,912 has been collected for the Easter Seals Camp. A "Coats for Kids" fundraiser is being planned. Box lunches (enchiladas) will be sold this weekend for \$8. Kitsap Life Chain (a walk for life) took place on October 6th. The Knights are planning a family Novena December 20th through December 29th and a men's retreat for January 18th.

Campaign Leadership Team: Lloyd Sandell

George Kevins updated the Campaign Leadership Team on the renovation progress. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th. Capital Campaign Income Statements are updated weekly. A very generous parishioner donated \$13,700 to the campaign from the proceeds of a sale. Another generous parishioner donated \$60,000 to help with campaign shortages and two generous parishioners paid large amounts on their pledges totaling over \$70,000. 684 families have made pledges. To date campaign pledges and donations, as well as fundraisers, total \$2,651,249, of which \$2,339,268 has been received. Lloyd is very optimistic about our meeting the renovation goal.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Commission
Discussion: Forming a Discipleship Committee
The first meeting will be next Monday.
2. Priorities determined by the Parish Council members needing attention:

Highest priority

- a. Engage new parishioners in parish activities: Personally 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 (estimated to be 2-3%), 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 is making this happen.
3. Couples Retreat – Tabled until after the Deanery Workshop.
 4. End of Life Planning Seminar - Miller Woodlawn Funeral Home will do an end of life planning seminar on November 7th from 12-2 p.m. in Voltin Hall. A donation of \$10 per attendee will be made by Miller Woodlawn to the parish renovation fund.
 5. Pilgrimage Update – Nancy Koch
Veronica suggested that a pilgrimage to the California missions might be another option.

New Business;

1. Deanery Workshop – Best Practices for Marriage Preparation will be hosted by Holy Trinity on Thursday, November 14th, 2-4 p.m.
2. Family Day on Sunday, December 29th: Feast of the Holy Family Novena will be led by Deacon John Amlag.
3. Pastoral Council Group Picture was taken.
4. Discussion: Lanny Ross distributed a copy of a homily by Father Derek Lappe concerning the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist for discussion.

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is November 9, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is November 5, 2019 @ 9:15 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Diana Graff

Adjournment and Clean Up