

## Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

November 10, 2018

**Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Aida Lawver, Lanny Ross, Ingrid Spencer

**Absent:** Dan Anderson, Carol Alcamo, Carl Green

**Gathering and Refreshments:** Diana Graff

**Opening Prayer:** Carl Green

**Minutes:** All Members – October Meeting Minutes were approved

### Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions, and Committee reports:

Website/Communications: Aida Lawver/Ingrid Spencer

The Committee is continually updating the website with current information. They are working on organizing the various events on the appropriate sites. Current information includes the Bazaar, Social Justice (school supply drive), the \$20,000.00 grant from the Frost and Margaret Snyder Foundation, Trunk-or-Treat, FORMED. Using the search icon on the webpage is a good way to find information. To streamline the publishing of parish activities the committee decided to place a Facebook widget on the front page of the Parish Website. The Holy Trinity Facebook Page is now displayed as a live feed on our website. This is up and running now. Faith Formation Facebook page is also displayed on the Faith Formation Office page of our website. December's focus will be on Advent.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

The Commission assisted in the Trunk-or-Treat event, which was moved to the Social Hall because of the weather. The Parish teens prepared and served the food and ran the games. Kudos to all who helped to make this a successful event. Families were invited to put the names of deceased loved ones on fall leaves to be displayed in the church on a Tree of Life during the month of November. Advent family Sunday is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 11:30 Mass.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

The Council discussed the Annual Catholic Appeal which is still \$16,000.00 short of the Parish assessed goal. They were updated on the status of the church renovation and capital campaign progress. They were advised of the shortage of money in the Parish charity fund to cover our charitable commitments. The semi-annual Charity collection will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

Officers were selected for the coming year. The Commission discussed the Corpus Christi Sunday, the Liturgical Minister Retreat Day, the Liturgical Ministry Fair, as well as the Ministry Appreciation dinner. Council members also discussed better ways to advertise these events to increase parishioner participation. The Advent preparation meeting was held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Diana gave a report on the Pastoral Council Meetings which was much appreciated by the SJC members. One of the discussion topics concerned the status of the Charity Fund. They are asking for a bulletin announcement to explain that the Charity Fund is supported by the loose coin collection and donations placed in the pink Charity Fund envelopes in the pews . They also request pulpit time to explain in detail about the Charity Fund. The cold weather drive is scheduled for November 10/11 and 17/18.They are looking at changing their meetings to daytime meetings. They are considering putting together a brochure for resources for women who are pregnant as an alternative to abortion.

Knights of Columbus: Carl Green

The Knights have a dinner and auction tonight, November 10<sup>th</sup>. They are considering doing the January Parish dinner in rooms 8 and 10 to see how that might work during the renovation.

Building Committee/Campaign Leadership Team: Dan Anderson

We have received some substantial donations recently in response to asking our parishioners to consider making a \$1000.00 pledge over the next two years. The campaign leadership team will have a year- end bulletin insert about donating their IRA disbursements which would otherwise be taxed. The Campaign Leadership Team will be making a presentation concerning the progress in our renovation plans to the Archdiocesan building commission on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Three fundraisers have brought in nearly 20,000.00 to support the renovation fund.

**Old Business:**

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Commission – Dan, Nancy, Veronica  
The survey is postponed to the Season of Lent to coincide with Stewardship of Time and Talent.
2. Review of proposed amended Bylaws  
Copies will be submitted at the next meeting after signature by the Chair person.
3. What are the priorities the parish council members see as the needs the council needs to focus on this year? After much discussion the Council members decided to focus on four areas:
  - Encourage families to increase their time for Jesus by participating in Devotions/Prayers with family activities.
  - Implement visits to new parishioners, bereaved widows/widowers.
  - Contact fallen away parishioners about returning to the church, in particular reaching out to those who have been divorced or remarried outside the church
  - Have church activities to engage families, parents and their children.

**Study Time**

1. 30 minutes - Stewardship – A Disciples Response, Read pp. 31-35, “IV: Stewards of the Church” and the reflection questions.

**Closing Business:** Next Pastoral Council Meeting is January 12, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Next Executive Committee meeting is November 13, 2018 @ 9:15 a.m.

**Closing Prayer:** Veronica Kelley

**Adjournment and Clean Up**