

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

February 8, 2020

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

Absent: Dan Anderson

Gathering and Refreshments: Veronica Kelley

Opening Prayer: Kevin Williams

Minutes: All Members – January 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Study Time: Stewardship – A Disciples Response: Appendix II – Stewardship and Development in Catholic Dioceses and Parishes: Resource Manual; Section II: Education and Formation for Stewardship; pp. 54-58.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 5th. They discussed showcasing Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent, along with Faith Formation activities. The “Seats & Feet” campaign was discussed and ways to focus on and showcase this event are still being deliberated. They also discussed insuring that our content is up-to-date and still current. The tech group is updating and replacing office equipment as necessary. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

The Commission discussed Advent Family Sunday which was successful. They will try another Children’s Christmas program next year. Safe environment programs will be administered on February 16th and 19th during Faith Formation classes. There will be a retreat on February 29th for candidates for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and their families. Marylou has 37 students for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The First Reconciliation class retreat will be March 7th and First Eucharist retreat on April 25th. First Eucharist will be celebrated May 2nd. A Vacation bible study is planned. Confirmation classes are doing well. They did not participate in the Archdiocese’s Youth Convention. Confirmation classes will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13th. There will be a family game night on February 21st. Participating families are asked to bring snacks to share. Todd is leading a Bible study about the “Sermon on the Mount” on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., beginning March 4th. The Men’s Retreat was a huge success with over 50 men in attendance. The Women’s retreat is today and will be led

by Susan Burdett. On March 10th, Ron Ryan, Special Projects Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Seattle, will lead a discussion about “What Does a Mature Catholic Look Like?” The children will do Stations of the Cross on March 20th. Father Lappe has requested that Holy Trinity provide pulpit time for one of the sisters from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School to talk about enrolling children at the school; the sister will speak at all Masses on the weekend of March 7th and 8th.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

George Kevins gave an update to the Finance Council regarding the Capital Campaign and feels that finishing the renovation is doable. The Annual Capital Appeal is still behind by about \$10,000, but discrepancies between Holy Trinity’s records and those of the Archdiocese are still being investigated. Holy Trinity’s monthly Stewardship donations are also behind by about \$17,000, but people are still giving.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

Their focus was on evaluating liturgies for Advent, Christmas season, and Christmas celebrations. They will meet in February to make preparations for Lent and hold a separate meeting for preparations for Holy Week.

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

The Commission will not meet until February 13th.

Knights of Columbus: Kevin Williams

They are planning a dinner/dance in the fall. The Knights donated \$6,000 to the Capital Campaign for the “Seats and Feet” program. The Faith Formation Commission asked for help with their barbecue on February 12th. They will be providing dinner for the Benedict House.

Campaign Leadership Team: Lloyd Sandell

The Campaign Leadership Team and Finance Council decided to move forward with a plan to add the new pews and floors back into the budget so that our renovation would be fully completed when our church is ready for worship. Although the Project Manager, George Kevins, is still in the process of determining the complete cost of this endeavor, the new proposed goal has been set at \$3,540,000. A fundraising effort, which has been dubbed “Seats and Feet”, has been implemented, which includes letters and response forms being mailed out to the entire Parish. Veronica will deliver a pulpit talk at each Mass this weekend. The Parish staff and Leadership members were asked to respond early with their commitments to

demonstrate to the Parish their support of this project. So far, the response has been extremely positive.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee

Discussion: Forming a Discipleship Committee

The Committee will reconvene on Monday, March 9th at 4 p.m. to introduce new member Virgie Carlson to the group and discuss developing a mission statement. Holy Trinity has requested that the new Archdiocese Director for Stewardship be invited to make a presentation to the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Capital Leadership Committee, and staff.

2. Priorities determined by the Parish Council members needing attention:

Highest Priority

- a. Engage new parishioners in parish activities: 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 or remarried outside the church.

Lower Priority

- c. Bereaved widows/widowers group. The Holy Trinity group has collaborated with the Star of the Sea group for discussion and activities. Better advertising of this group is needed.
- d. Focus development of programs and activities for the 18-35 year old adults and the Latino community.
 - Faith Formation has coordinated a game night for the 18-35 year old adults. More activities are being planned.
 - Hiring Ernesto Castro as Latino Minister has brought positive results in meeting with the Latino community. 12 candidates from the community will be baptized this spring. Holy Trinity has asked the Archdiocese to make a presentation to the Latino community at a future date.
- e. Have church activities to engage families, parents, and their children. Marilou continues to engage families in Faith Formation activities.

3. Married Couples Retreat will be held on May 9th, 2020 with Ron Ryan from the Archdiocese leading.
4. Pilgrimage Update – Nancy Koch reported that about 15 people have registered for the pilgrimage to Italy and Switzerland departing September 25th. More people are needed to make this fundraiser a success and members were encouraged to get others to register.

New Business:

1. Renovation Matching Fund Proposal – See Capital Leadership Team report.
2. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church is in process and will be the focus of the new Facility Manager, who will replace Ted Leniszewski after his retirement in June 2020.
3. Member Concerns and Needs

Fr. Fernando Suarez, a healing priest who presided over several healing Masses at Holy Trinity, passed away unexpectedly this past week.
4. Leadership Discernment – Diana Graff and Lanny Ross have completed the third year of their first term as Pastoral Council members. They will rediscern for their second term in May. The Council members were asked to nominate other parishioners about joining one of the parish councils or commissions. Let Veronica know who you recommend.

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is March 14, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is March 10, 2020 @ 9:15 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Lloyd Sandell

Adjournment and Clean Up All

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Opening Prayer	Refreshments	Closing Prayer
Veronica Kelley	Dan Anderson	Dan Anderson