

## Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

September 8, 2018

**Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Dan Anderson, Pat Allfrey, Diana Graff, Carl Green, Nancy Koch, Aida Lawver, Lanny Ross, Ingrid Spencer, Carol Alcamo

**Gathering and Refreshments:** Nancy Koch

**Opening Prayer:** Nancy Koch

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

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

Website/Communications: Aida Lawver

Staff e-mail addresses are in the process of being changed to holyt.org. Information from the Archbishop about sexual abuse issues will be posted on the website this week.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

Appointments for enrollment interviews will be made September 8 & 9 and September 15 & 16 after all Masses. Staff from the Archdiocese will visit Faith Formation staff on September 11 to discuss changes to the age requirements for Confirmation. There will be a Trunk or Treat event on October 28; candy donations are being accepted in the parish office. The Council discussed changes to the Faith Formation schedule. The garage sale went very well with proceeds exceeding previous year's totals.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

No report is available since their meeting is at the end of this month.

Liturgy Commission: Veronica Kelley

No report is available since their meeting is next week. The Liturgical Ministry Retreat will be next Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

They had meetings on June 15, July 12, and August 9. SJC sponsored a shower for the Stella Maris women's shelter by having people donate requested items on the Target "bridal shower" registry for Stella Maris. SJC collected items for school supplies to give to the YWCA. Holy Trinity is sponsoring a new Unbound person, Ivan Alojacin, a seminarian in the Philippines.

Knights of Columbus: Carl Green

The Harvest Dinner/Dance is tonight.

Building Committee/Campaign Leadership Team: Dan Anderson

We have collected 50% of what we need to start the renovation. A letter will be sent out to parishioners with updated information about the renovation project. Parishioners who have not already made a commitment will be asked to consider making a \$500.--/year donation over the next two years.

Additional fundraising projects are being planned.

According to the proposed schedule we will move out of the church the week after Easter 2019. To accommodate overflow on holiday weekends, closed circuit TVs will be installed in rooms 8 and 10. Votin Hall will be refurbished to provide additional meeting space. Permitting for the renovation project is in process and the contractor is making the bid calculations.

**Old Business:**

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Commission – Dan, Nancy, Veronica  
After discussion the Council determined the best time to begin the member engagement survey to be November 2018. Veronica will contact Steve Homiack about exact dates for scheduling the survey and the rollout process.
2. Review of proposed amended Bylaws - Veronica reported that the amended Bylaws are almost complete and will be ready for the Council's review in the near future.
3. Holy Trinity Keepers of the Vision, Council Member Input (tabled).

**New Business:**

1. Selection of PC officers for the 2018-19 year – Nominations and election of officers was held. The following officers were elected:  
Chair: Dan Anderson, Vice-chair: Nancy Koch, Secretary: Ingrid Spencer  
A Pastoral Council picture to include all members will be taken at its October meeting.
2. 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 discussed many different areas where our church should focus their attention.
  - Encourage families to increase their time for Jesus by participating in Devotions/Prayers with family activities.
  - Encourage senior parishioners to pray for the success of the Holy Trinity renovation, the Universal church, Pope Francis, healing for victims of molestation.
  - Implement visits to new parishioners, bereaved widows/widowers.
  - Contact fallen away parishioners about returning to the church.
  - Have church activities to engage families, parents and their children.
  - Engage the Spanish speaking community in parish activities.
  - Answer parishioner and public questions re: molestation and the Church's response.

Study Time (tabled because of lack of time)

1. 30 minutes - Stewardship – Read for next meeting: A Disciples Response, Chapter III, "Living as a Steward", pp. 25-30

**Closing Business:**

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is October 13, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting is October 9, 2018 @ 9:15 a.m.

**Closing Prayer:** Veronica Kelley

**Adjournment and Clean Up**