

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

September 14, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Nancy Koch

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

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Forward and Chapter I – Introduction: Lloyd gave a brief overview of the Forward section. Further discussion was tabled until the additional books arrive.

Holy Trinity Councils, Commissions and Committee Reports

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The Committee recently designed the website to promote the “Called to Serve as Christ” campaign for our priests, sisters, and family of faith. The home page header was updated with a picture of our renovated Church. The livestreaming of funerals, weddings, and other sacramental celebrations have also been incorporated with livestreaming weekend Mass. Utilizing the website for Mass reservations is operational and functioning sufficiently for the task as intended. The Committee plans to use the fixed mounted camera in a networking streaming configuration to support livestreaming in the renovated church. The training of volunteers to do the livestreaming is moving along and looks promising. The Committee is currently working with Faith Formation to help them utilize the website for Enrollment Forms for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation classes.

Faith Formation Commission: Pat Allfrey

The Commission met last week. 26 students completed First Eucharist on August 8 and 15. Three more students will celebrate their First Eucharist on September 27th at the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Two babies were baptized August 30th.

Online First Eucharist and Junior High Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, October 4th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Beginning October 18th, Grades K-6 will be using an online curriculum which requires parents to homeschool and students to attend an online class once a month on Sundays, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Small in person classes will be offered for children needing sacramental preparations who do not have internet access or computers on Sundays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., beginning October 18th. Online High School Confirmation and High School Faith Formation

classes will start Sunday, October 4th, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Faith Formation staff will re-evaluate the fall's education process and Covid regulations in December to determine how to continue.

Adult Faith Formation and RCIA classes will be conducted online using the FORMED site program called "The Search".

Finance Council:

Veronica Kelley

The Council will meet later this month. They are dealing with the budget that is not fully funded. Challenges remain for meeting monthly operations costs which require close monitoring of expenditures. The \$96,000 for the Payroll Protection Program will probably not have to be paid back. Approximately one-third of our operations budget comes from non-pledged donations (i.e. donated at Mass). Lanny suggested that we explore including multiple envelopes in the envelopes for donations.

Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2019-2020

Some parishioners have not fulfilled their ACA pledges for last year's contributions. We are about \$2,000.00 short. For the 2020-2021 year we are still \$32,000.00 behind in pledges. The Archdiocese will forgive 10%, but we are still behind in donations.

Liturgy Commission:

Veronica Kelley

The Commission has not met.

Social Justice Commission (SJC):

Lanny Ross, Diana Graff

The SJC had a back to school supply drive with one third of last year's contributions collected. They put together 60 bags with school supplies. The Formation Office distributed these to needy families. The Commission texted and e-mailed needy families to pick up supplies. Left over supplies were donated to Saint Vincent de Paul and Stand-Up 4 kids.

Knights of Columbus:

Mark Alcamo

The Knights provided meals to Benedict house and St. Vincent de Paul. The meals were cooked at Holy Trinity's kitchen since meals cannot be cooked at the Benedict House due to Covid regulations. The Knights helped with getting the new church ready and cleaned the cedar shakes on the building. They are planning the annual Tootsie Roll drive to help people with disabilities. One Tootsie Roll Drive is planned for October at Safeway to help with Special Olympics and Camp Easter Seal. The November food drive will help provide meals for Thanksgiving.

Campaign Leadership Team: Lloyd Sandell

Contributions to the Capital Campaign Fund are still on track and pledged donations are still being received. The Campaign officially ended August 31st. The total amount of pledges equal \$3,698,230 (105% of the original budget), and the total donations of \$3,268,938 have been collected as of August 30th. The official shortfall of funds is \$253,062 (about 7%). Several larger donations are expected to be made at the end of 2020. The opening date for the renovated church has not been determined due to material delays and county permits.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church & Stewardship/Discipleship Committee: The Committee has not met
 - a. The Virtual Conference 2020: Encounter! Meeting Jesus on Higher Ground: the cost is \$149.00. Two members plan to register for this online conference.
 - b. Discipleship Committee: Nancy will schedule a meeting in late September or October.

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

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. 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.

3. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project

All pews are in the church. There is a delay in anchoring the pews to the floor due to the installer's illness. The light and sound people are in church today. On Friday George Kevins met with the Fire Marshall who approved the Voice Evacuation System. The County will not give us an occupancy permit until everything is positioned in the church. The stand for the tabernacle is in place. The roof on the tabernacle is not yet complete. The stone on the altar will be placed on September 21. The cross will be positioned to see how to raise it up. The baptismal font will be completed this week. The Marian wall sculpture has to be cleaned and repaired. All ministers and priests will have to be retrained before the first Mass. We will check with the Archdiocese to see when the Bishop is available to dedicate the new church.

4. COVID-19 Concerns: Reopening of Churches for Public Masses – Plan from the Archdiocese

We will now be able to accommodate 70 people in the "baby" church while still maintaining the social distancing rules. We will begin having parish meetings after sanitation training is completed. Meetings for children are regulated by County rules which are slightly different than for adults. Rooms 8, 10, 12, and 13 will be used because they have no carpet, which is one of the requirements. For adults we can accommodate up to twelve people with social distancing. We can have RCIA, Legion of Mary, and the Knights of Columbus (not YLI which includes older people) meet, but we cannot have meetings for groups from outside of the Parish. Each group has to have a COVID supervisor, an attendance log, and cleaning after each meeting. All supervisors must attend an Archdiocesan training class. No refreshments and no lingering after meetings is permitted. All visitors and employees must log in at the Faith Formation office. Veronica will submit an addendum regarding reopening of the church (about 100 people in the renovated church are allowed).

5. Married Couples Retreat – Tabled temporarily

6. Called to Serve as Christ Campaign to Support the Priest and Retired Sisters Medical and Retirement Fund

The Archdiocese has sent out campaign packets. They will accept all donations that the parish raises. We ask that all parishioners prayerfully consider their donation amount and be at peace with the amount: "Did I give all I can?"

New Business:

1. Celebration for Opening Our Renovated Church
The celebration will depend on the requirement of a dedication. New requirements must be met. Most people will probably attend Mass by way of livestreaming.
2. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church: TABLED
3. Year of the Eucharist – Next Steps: The Archdiocese will provide an online presentation for parishioners. All we have to do is to sign in to participate.
4. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List: The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held face-to-face in rooms 8 & 10 of the Faith Formation wing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12th.

Opening Prayer will be led by Lloyd Sandell.

Closing Prayer will be led by Ingrid Spencer.

5. Member Concerns and Needs - None

Closing Business:

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, October 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 8 and 10 of the Faith Formation wing.

Closing Prayer: Veronica Kelley

Adjournment All