

**BLESSED TRINITY Pastoral Council Meeting February 8, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Members: Marilyn Rodriguez, Betty Chrestenson, Joan Butler, Ruth Licitra, Pat Mellen, Rita O'Neil, and David Neu.

Staff: Deacon Ron Butler, Sr. Mary Jo Quinn, Fr. Ed Hislop, and Judy Cooney.

**1. Gathering Prayer:**

The Gathering Prayer was led by Joan Butler.

**2. Additions to the Agenda:**

Rita asked that a report on the International Dinner be added to Agenda Item #6. Fr. Ed asked that a discussion on including Pastoral Council pictures and email addresses to the parish website be added to the Agenda as Item #9.

**3. Overview of Lent 2016:**

Fr. Ed and Sr. Mary Jo reviewed events for the Lenten Season:

- ◆ Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at 12pm and 7pm;
- ◆ Soup and Bread with and Operation Rice Bowl Reflection will be held on Tuesdays during Lent;
- ◆ Liturgy-based Scripture Study will be held 1pm Thursdays during Lent;
- ◆ Parish Stewardship will occur during Lent
- ◆ Millie Dover is weaving a new Lenten banner to be completed and hung for the second Sunday of Lent
- ◆ We will not be using the large cross for Veneration on Good Friday this year. Instead, we will use the Cross that is processed into Mass every Sunday.

**4. Maintain/Renew/Imagine--Strategic Planning (MRI)**

The first whole parish meeting with architect Carl Posewitz was held Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am Mass. There were a large number of enthusiastic parishioners present to see the 3-D presentation. Mr. Posewitz is doing a series of meetings to get a feeling for what is wanted and needed at Blessed Trinity.

The next MRI meeting will be held, Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The second in the series of meetings with architect Carl Posewitz will focus on the implications for Fr. Ed's office and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel if the main foyer is expanded. The next whole parish meeting will be held shortly thereafter.

Fr. Ed and Mr. Posewitz believe that a proposed plan could be outlined by the summer. The next steps would include fine tuning the plan to create a budget with the goal of beginning a capital campaign in the Fall.

**5. Stewardship 2016: Beacon of Hope; Promise of Mercy:**

Fr. Ed reported that the Finance Council has approved the need to do a Stewardship campaign during Lent 2016. In addition to maintaining the current level of ministry at Blessed Trinity, this campaign will also focus on increasing the Outreach Ministry line of the budget by at least 10%. The goal is to make Outreach Ministry a particular percentage of the parish budget.

Fr. Ed proposes to create a stewardship campaign modeled on the approach in the book Divine Renovation (Mallon) which Staff has been studying. Each Sunday of Lent will focus on a different aspect of stewardship: time, talent and treasure. The campaign will include conclude with a procession of commitment cards to the altar. Fr. Ed and Staff will be working on letters, brochures and other tools for

this campaign in the coming weeks. There will be follow up after Easter as needed. **Action: Fr. Ed should move forward in this direction for the Stewardship 2016 campaign.**

## **6. New Year Pasty Dinner**

Rita reported that there was interest in a Pasty Dinner that was not on New Year's Eve. She suggests that there be a Pasty Dinner during the year, perhaps after the Saturday 5 pm Mass. **Action: Revisit this discussion in the Fall.**

### **6a. International Dinner:**

Betty reported that the International Dinner brought in \$1513. There were \$30 in charges to Rosauer's and about \$200 in donations. There was a large crowd. The Knights of Columbus tended bar and facilitated the set up tables.

### **6b. NRATI Update:**

Sr. Mary Jo reported that NRATI brought in \$5600 in profit. Blessed Trinity will be donating \$2800 each to Family Promise of Missoula and Habitat for Humanity.

## **7. Faith Formation:**

Judy facilitated Faith Formation on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> after Sunday Mass. Pastoral Council members discussed the ideas put forth in the discussion based on Divine Renovation presented as Faith Formation. It was noted that there have been a number of new faces at Mass the past few Sundays. David asked if there was a letter that went out to these people. Fr. Ed responded that once a new parishioner has filled out a census form, they receive a welcome letter.

## **8. National Association of Pastoral Ministers (NAPM) Winter Colloquium:**

Fr. Ed and Sr. Mary Jo attended the NAPM Winter Colloquium in Florida last week. The speaker was Fr. Mark Francis, SVD. He spoke on multicultural ministry and liturgy and the challenges of forming a community while respecting diversity.

## **9. Pastoral Council Pictures on Parish Website:**

Fr. Ed asked if the Pastoral Council would be willing to post their individual email addresses or phone numbers on the parish website to enable parishioners to contact Pastoral Council members directly. Many Pastoral Council members did not want their personal contact information published in this manner. **Action: Fr. Ed will publish Pastoral Council pictures on the website with the parish email address as contact information.** Carol will then forward the emails or phone calls as appropriate. Fr. Ed would also like to have an introduction to the Pastoral Council members. **Action: Pastoral Council members have been asked to provide a two sentence biography on their involvement at Blessed Trinity.**

## **10. RCIA Conference April 15—16, 2016:**

Fr. Ed reported that the RCIA conference, Making Disciples, will be held in April. This is a parish workshop with diocesan support. The Diocesan Foundation and the Deacon Formation Program have financially supported this workshop. Sign ups are available on the web ([blessedtrinitymissoula.org](http://blessedtrinitymissoula.org)). There is a fee for non-parishioners. Hopefully, there will be a follow-up series of workshops for adults starting in 2017.

## **11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Licitra  
February 11, 2016

