

Pastoral Council Meeting June 1, 2015
Minutes

Present:

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

Staff: Fr. Ed Hislop, Deacon Ron Butler, Judy Cooney

1. **Gathering:** Father Ed led the council in prayer.
2. **Additions:** There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Note-taker:** Ruth agreed to be note-taker for the June meeting.

Minutes: Fr Ed mentioned that this is the first meeting of the third Pastoral Council since the joining of John XXIII and Holy Family.

Fr. Ed would like the minutes of the Pastoral Council meetings to be available on the parish website. There was discussion on whether more parishioners would access the minutes on line or in the bulletin. It was agreed that a brief summary would appear in the bulletin indicating that further details could be accessed on the parish website for a few months. After the initial period, the minutes would be available online with a limited number of hard copies available in the foyer under "Pastoral Council".

4. **Review of Pastoral Council Responsibilities:**
5. **Pastoral Council Chairperson:**

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Pat nominated Rita to continue as Pastoral Council Chairperson. David seconded the nomination. Joan asked for further nominations. There were none. Rita accepted the nomination and was affirmed by the council.

Finance Council Liaison: Father Ed explained the responsibilities of the Pastoral and Finance Councils respectively. Pastoral Council develops the vision and Finance Council determines how to finance the vision. At present, Fr. Ed, Jim McDonald, Dale Barnum, and Hans Zuuring serve on the Finance Council which meets quarterly as a rule. There are two openings on this committee. Fr. Ed then asked for nominations for the Pastoral Council Liaison to the Finance Council. Marilyn nominated Betty to be the liaison. Betty did not accept the nomination. There were no further nominations. Father asked that council members consider this position. The alternative would be that he would name someone to the Finance Council. **Will be revisited in July.**

Representative to Council Groves: Council Groves is a housing complex for middle to low income residents initially funded by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church. A housing board member is needed to replace Nick Pickolick who has served on the board for many years but is no longer able to do so. Council members asked how often the Board met. Fr. Ed did not know. Either a council member or a parishioner could be nominated to the Board. There were no nominations. **Will be revisited in July.**

Liturgical Commission Representative: Joan already is a member of this commission. Joan was asked and has agreed to serve as the Pastoral Council Liaison.

Faith Formation Representative: The Faith Formation Committee consists of Judy Cooney, Pat Wegner, Celeste MacDonald, and Cathy Mellen. The main focus of this group is to plan adult Faith Formation with Celeste focusing on the children's program. This committee meets monthly on Tuesday at 10 am. David nominated Marilyn. Marilyn did not accept the nomination. There were no other nominations to the Faith Formation Committee. **Will be revisited in July.**

Social Life Team/FUNd Committee: The FUNd was formed in response to the loss of PCCW as a fundraising organization for the parish. This committee was charged to establish activities that were fun and would raise funds for the parish. Some examples: the Luau, International Dinner, Spring Tea Party and a proposed bus trip to Butte. Fr. Ed questioned whether the amount of money raised by these events was proportionate to the effort put into these events. Fr. Ed felt that this committee should revisit our focus for parish social life: how we, as a parish, should sustain our social life; and where we should go from here? **Will be revisited in July.**

Appointment of Additional Members: Fr Ed would like to have twelve members on the Pastoral Council. **Will be revisited in July.**

6. Staff Reports:

Vacation Bible School: Judy reported that VBS would occur June 22—26, 2015. The VBS Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 6pm. This is a potluck dinner with the parish providing the burgers. The Friday event will be held at Franklin Park. VBS usually has 20-30 enrollees, many of whom are not Blessed Trinity parishioners. So far, there are ten students enrolled. The youth of the parish will be assisting with this event. In Missoula, Christ the King also has VBS.

Youth Group: The Youth Group will participate in a summer movie series at Blessed Trinity.

Proposed Summer Picnic: With Grace Methodist? The Neighborhood? **Will be revisited in July.**

Summer Series on Catholicism: A series of ten one-hour videos that will be shown July 23rd thru August 30th. The Knights of Columbus bought this series and are allowing Blessed Trinity to show the first five videos during the summer.

Blessed Trinity Liturgical Workshops (Proposed): These workshops would be sponsored by Blessed Trinity but endorsed by the Diocese on the topic of RCIA. The workshops would be aimed at RCIA Coordinators and Parish Staff. The Pastoral Council agreed to look further into the Liturgical Workshop idea. There would be a fee for the workshops. There would also be costs associated with the workshops: housing for guest speakers, etc.

Pastoral Care: Marilyn and Ron reported that there are 23 parishioners taking communion to the sick and homebound. This includes having someone visit Community Hospital five days a week. Most of the volunteers take communion directly from Mass. New volunteers are needed, but they must be trained. The training is offered once a year or more often if at least three people are interested. David, Kathy and Rita volunteered to be trained to be Pastoral Care Ministers. There also needs to be a better system of record keeping for who is receiving communion from the Pastoral Care Ministers.

Family Promise: Ron and Joan reported that Blessed Trinity's next Family Promise week is June 21st —28th.

Other:

Blessed Trinity is in the process of implementing a new phone system at a cost of \$3000. This should provide more direct access to Fr. Ed in emergencies. Ron mentioned that he will be getting a voice mailbox.

By the end of June, hopefully, Blessed Trinity will be able to pay its debt to the Diocese out of the Holy Family property sale. This money is still in escrow, but will be forwarded soon. Fr. Ed feels that some of the money from the sale of the Holy Family property should be placed in an endowment

7. IMAGINE:

Diocesan Building Committee: The Diocesan Building Committee has approved Blessed Trinity's immediate projects: resurfacing the parking lot, replacing the furnaces and adding air conditioning in the Social Hall and Offices. These are scheduled to begin this summer.

The Diocesan Building Committee has approved our general direction for the lighting. Carl Posewitz, architect, has been contacted and asked to recommend a lighting design engineer. He has recommended an electrical engineer from Palmer Electric who has been contacted.

The lights need to be replaced in the worship space as they are no longer being made. The proposed lighting system needs to be dimmable and programmable to accommodate different liturgical events. The lighting system in the Social Hall needs to be dimmable to accommodate the various types of events held there: mood lighting for dinners, bright light for Faith Formation, etc. The fluorescent lights throughout the rest of the building also need to be updated as that ballast is no longer made. The next step is for Fr. Ed to get an estimate for the lighting project.

Several people have volunteered to be on a committee to set the vision and priorities of the IMAGINE renovations.

Status of Pastoral Plan: The Diocesan Building Committee has asked Blessed Trinity to deal with the Blessed Trinity Building as if Blessed Trinity would remain in place for the long term.

Concluding Prayer:

The Order of Christian Funerals has been approved by the Diocese to be used for funerals beginning November 2, 2015.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **July 13, 2015**.

Fr. Ed led the concluding prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
June 3, 2015