

BLESSED TRINITY Pastoral Council Meeting August 8, 2016
Minutes

Present: Members: Cathy Burleson, Rita O'Neil, Betty Chrestenson, David Neu, and Ruth Licitra.

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

1. Gathering Prayer: Fr. Ed led the Council in prayer and a reflection on the Sunday, August 6th Liturgy.

2. Additions: There were no additions.

3. Organ Update: Fr. Ed reported that the organ is here. Hopefully, the organ will be put together and tuned for use this weekend (August 13th and 14th). There will be a Dedicatory Concert Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm. Joseph Muzenrider will play the organ and give background information. A reception will follow. The Concert will be advertized at the University, at the other Missoula parishes and in the Missoulian.

4. Social Gatherings:

a.) Assumption: Rita announced that there will be an Ice Cream Social following the Assumption Mass, Monday August 15th at 7pm. She reminded the Pastoral Council that this event has been hosted by the Council in the past. **Action: The Council agreed to host this event again this year. Rita and Ruth will coordinate buying the ice cream and toppings. Other council members will be available for set up and clean up.**

b.) Picnic with Grace: The Council agreed that the picnic to get better acquainted with Grace Methodist parish as Blessed Trinity's partner for Family Promise should be held in September. **Action: Cathy and David agreed to talk about potential dates with Sr. Mary Jo when she returns. She in turn would contact the pastor at Grace Methodist to determine the best date. The event would then be advertized in both communities to ascertain parishioner interest.**

c.) 10 year Reunion of Merger of John XXIII and Holy Family: Action: This topic was tabled until the September Meeting.

d.) Luau: The Luau will not be held this year. As a community, we need to find an event that will have broad appeal. **Action: This topic was tabled until the September Meeting.**

5. Neighborhood Outreach: Fr. Ed asked for discussion on a strategy to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. **Action: Judy and Betty agreed to brainstorm ideas for welcoming people to the neighborhood. They will report at the September meeting. This topic was tabled until the September Meeting.**

6. Whole Parish Formation 2016-2017: Judy reported that Whole Parish Formation will be held the first Sunday of the month from October until May. The program will be tied to the Gospels Liturgically. She also announced that she would like to restart weekly Lectionary Based Weekly Scripture Study this Fall. She plans that the class would be held Thursdays after Mass from 1-2pm. There was discussion about a class that could include people unable to attend

Scripture Study on Thursday afternoons. There was discussion of other times and other methods (i.e.: online) should there be interest.

7. Maintain/Renew/Imagine: Fr. Ed reported that there had been two workshops held in July on the topic of the liturgical significance of the Worship Space. The next steps in this process include general direction for the project and cost estimates of the general plan. Fr. Ed would like to try various seating configurations in the Worship Space in September to ascertain what is possible to do versus what want to do. Then, there will be another Whole Parish meeting where some committees can be set up.

8. Workshops on Funerals: The Missoula Deanery Workshop on the Diocesan Policy on Funerals will be held at Blessed Trinity on Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm. Fr. Ed is planning a lunch earlier that day with Missoula area Funeral Directors to go over the policy with them.

9. Parish Directory: It will be 10 years since the last parish directory was produced. The council agreed not to rehire Olin Mills as some members felt they were too pushy on the sale of pictures.
Action: Judy agreed to ask Carol Lemieux to find out which photographer did St. Mary in Helena Directory. Parishioners seemed to like this photographer.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
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