

Pastoral Council Meeting July 13, 2015
Minutes

Present:

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

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

Prelude: Pictures were to be taken of Council members at this meeting. **Will be taken at the August meeting.**

1. Gathering: Fr. Ed led the Council in prayer.

2. Note-taker:

Rita nominated Ruth as note-taker for the Council.

Action taken: Ruth accepted the nomination and was affirmed by the Council.

3. Additions to the Agenda:

Rita would like to format future agendas in a manner similar to the July 13, 2015 agenda. She asked that any additions be emailed or phoned in to her before the council meeting so that they may be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

Father Ed said the last two Pastoral Council meeting agendas and meeting minutes had been posted on the parish website. A summary has not been posted in the Bulletin.

4. Appointments to Committees:

Finance Council: There was discussion on the purpose of the Finance Council, how often it met, how many members are on the Council at this time, and the need to recruit additional members, as discussed at the June 2015 meeting and reflected in the meeting minutes. We also discussed the Finance Council's role in defining the relationship between the Spirit of Christ Advisory and Finance Councils and the Blessed Trinity Pastoral and Finance Councils. There was a nominee made to the Finance Council. Father Ed will follow up on the nomination.

Action to be taken: Will be revisited at the next meeting.

Council Groves Representative: The history of the Missoula Catholic Community and Council Groves was discussed. The Board of Council Groves is made up of representatives from: each Missoula area Catholic Church, Montana Catholic Social Services and the Knights of Columbus. Nick Pickolick was the representative from Blessed Trinity, but is no longer able to represent us. The Site Manager of Council Groves is interested in further discussing Council Groves with representatives from Blessed Trinity, including a possible tour of the premises. There has been a nomination for the Council Groves Representative. Father Ed will follow up on the nomination. **Action to be taken: Will be revisited at the next meeting.**

Liturgical Commission Representative: Joan was nominated as the Pastoral Council Representative on the Liturgical Commission.

Action taken: Joan accepted the nomination and was affirmed by the Council.

Faith Formation Representative: **Pat** was nominated as the Pastoral Council Representative on the Faith Formation committee. (Correction to June minutes: Judy Cooney, Kathy Mellen, Pat Wegner and Celeste Reilly serve on this committee.)

Action taken: Pat accepted the nomination and was affirmed by the Council.

Social Concerns Team: Ron and Joan Butler were nominated as the Pastoral Council Representative on the Social Concerns Team.

Action taken: Ron and Joan accepted the nomination and were affirmed by the Council.

FUNd Committee: Ruth was nominated as the Pastoral Council Representative on the FUNd Committee.

Action taken: Ruth accepted the nomination and was affirmed by the Council.

Additional Members: At this time, there are ten members of the Pastoral Council. Father Ed suggested that no further nominations be made at this time.

Action taken: The Council affirmed that there would be no further nominations to the Pastoral Council at this time.

5. Updates on Building and Grounds Improvements:

Parking Lot: The surface of the parking lot has been prepared. The lot will be restriped soon. This time, the icons for the Handicapped Parking spaces will be painted on the pavement as well as denoted on the sidewalk signs. This project has been paid for with the proceeds from the sale of the Holy Family property.

Heating: The replacement of the current heating system has begun. Father Ed's heating unit has been replaced and air conditioning has been added. The heating units are being replaced. Air conditioning units will be placed on the roof of the church building and will cool the entire building.

Sprinkler System: The sprinkler maintenance company was on the premises today to inspect the sprinkler system. Problems were identified and repairs were made.

Lighting: An electrical engineer has been contracted to write a report for Blessed Trinity outlining the cost of updating the lighting system primarily in the Worship space and secondarily throughout the rest of the building. Once this report has been completed, Father Ed will call together a strategic planning committee who will look at the costs and plans. They will then create an action plan. There were about ten people who expressed an interest in being on this committee at the May Renew, Imagine, Maintain meeting.

Father Ed stated that Blessed Trinity is debt free at this time. However, Blessed Trinity needs to grow.

6. Summer Aloha: The second annual Luau is scheduled for Friday, July, 31st beginning at 5:30pm with a cocktail hour. The cost is \$35 per person, \$40 per person at the door. All proceeds will go to: refurbishing the font, art glass in the side windows, and the Marian shrine.

7. Other Reports:

Vacation Bible School: This year's VBS had 28 kids, one of our largest groups. There were 13 adult and seven youth volunteers. The picnic was attended by most of the participant's families and 2 Family

Promise families plus some additional people from the neighborhood. Blessed Trinity is one of only two parishes in Missoula (the other is Christ the King) to host VBS.

Summer Series on Catholicism: The Summer Series on Catholicism begins Thursday, July 23rd at 7pm. Doug Glevanik and Deacon Tom McCarthy will co-facilitate the video series donated to Blessed Trinity by the Knights of Columbus. The first five videos of the ten video series will be shown this summer: Jesus, His teachings, the Trinity, Mary, and Saints Peter and Paul. The other five videos will be shown at a later date.

Youth Group: There will be a summer movie series for youth later this summer.

Proposed Blessed Trinity Liturgical Workshop: Father Ed and Sister Mary Jo applied for a \$5000 grant from the Diocese of Helena to fund this workshop. The proposed dates are April 15-16, 2016 or April 22-23, 2016. The grant, if funded in full, would cover most, if not all of the costs of bringing in Team RCIA to lead the workshop and other workshop costs. Fr. Ed believes that this workshop would have appeal to people outside the parish: within the Missoula Deanery, throughout the Diocese of Helena and in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and Spokane. People attending the workshop from outside of Blessed Trinity would be charged for the workshop. It has been ten years since a workshop of this type has been offered in Missoula. We await the decision from the Grant Office before plans can be finalized.

Pastoral Care: Ron said that there is a white notebook in the office where Pastoral Care team members can fill out a form denoting who is receiving services from which Pastoral Care team member. There are seven people who need to be trained in the Pastoral Care Ministry. This will happen in the Fall.

Ron also mentioned that the Parish cannot coordinate rides for people who need them as this would require that the Parish carry liability insurance. Individuals can arrange rides without Parish involvement.

There are people who are arranging for feeding of the sick without contacting the person(s) in need. Privacy issues are involved. Care needs to be taken to ensure that people actually want the food and that no more information is released than is necessary.

Rita asked if there was a way to publicize funerals. There was discussion about how people find out about funerals (newspaper, choir, salad/dessert list) but no action was proposed.

Other: Robert Tiefenthaler asked Pastoral Council members to propose ideas for a **Parish Bus Day Tour** as a fundraiser. Please forward ideas to Robert. His email address is **rtiefenthaler@blackfoot.com**

8. Concluding Prayer: Fr. Ed led the Concluding Prayer.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **August 3, 2015**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
July 16, 2015