

Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting September 14, 2015
Minutes

Present:

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

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

1. Gathering: Marilyn led the Council in prayer. Prayer was followed by a reflection on Sunday's Liturgy.

2. Additions to the Agenda: Rita informed the Council of upcoming meetings as published in the Bulletin: Maintain, Renew and Imagine (September 17th at 7pm), Liturgy Committee (September 20th at 11:30am), Pastoral Care (September 21st at 7pm), Outreach Team (September 22nd at 7pm), and Estate Planning (September 29th at 2pm). There Missoula Deanery locations for the Diocesan Healing Service: Saint Ignatius Mission (October 7th at 7pm) and Saint Francis Xavier (October 8th at 7pm). There will be workshop at Saint Anthony's (October 17th) for Catechists.

3. Pope Francis' visit: The Pope will be in the United States beginning September 23rd. *Document on Marriage Annulments:* The Document on Marriage Annulments streamlines the Marriage Annulment process so that most annulments will take less than 12 months by allowing the local Bishop to make the final decision to grant the annulment. The Pope has recommended that the process should be accomplished at no charge to the applicant. In the Helena Diocese, annulments have been granted at no charge for some time. Donations have been welcome.

4. Strategic Planning: The first Strategic Planning meeting will be held on September 17th at 7pm. This committee will set priorities for the long-term plan for the work to be done and come up with strategies for fundraising. The Strategic Planning Committee will present its recommendations to the Pastoral Council.

The missing lines on the east side of the parking lot were also discussed. Fr. Ed said that the company is to come out and paint those lines. Two additional Accessible Parking Space signs are on order.

5. A Healing Journey: The Missoula Deanery will be able to participate in one of two Diocese of Helena Healing Prayer Services: Saint Ignatius Mission (October 7th at 7pm) and Saint Francis Xavier (October 8th at 7pm). Members of the Pastoral Council have been asked to attend at least one of the services.

6. Family Promise—Blessed Trinity Leadership: Cathy Burleson and Rick Curtis have agreed to take over the leadership role for Blessed Trinity.

7. Faith Formation: Faith Formation begins October 4th after Sunday Mass. The focus of this year's Faith Formation is "Call to Community". The first class will focus on what it means to be

family. Judy proposes to have a Friday night Children's Formation to take the place of one of the Sunday Children's Formation.

The Women of the Bible display is from Fr. Ed's personal collection. It is displayed in the hall by the office. There is a book that describes the women depicted on the table outside the office.

8. Diocesan Finance Meeting in Helena: Father Ed, Sr. Mary Jo, Jim MacDonald, and the Finance Council Chairs from Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ will be attending the Diocesan Finance Council meeting on September 16th. The focus for this meeting will be recovery from the diocesan bankruptcy. *Action to be taken: Presentation at October's meeting.*

9. Concluding Prayer: Fr. Ed led the council in the concluding prayer.

Next Council Meeting: The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held **October 12, 2015 at 7pm.** Meeting dates were also set for November 9, 2015 and December 7, 2015.

Postlude: Pictures of the Council were taken and will be posted online.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
September 16, 2015