

Pastoral Council Meeting February 6, 2017
Minutes

The January 9, 2017 Pastoral Council meeting was cancelled.

Present: Members: Rita O’Neil, Joan Butler, Betty Chrestenson, Pat Mellen, David Neu, Ruth Licitra, and Elizabeth Licitra.

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

1. Gathering Prayer: Pat led the Pastoral Council in prayer.

2. Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions to the Agenda.

3. Reflection on the January 21/22, 2017 Maintain/Renew/Imagine (MRI) Listening Session: Sr. Mary Jo reported that the MRI committee met to reflect on the Listening Sessions: members of that committee will collate the responses of the parishioners. Overall, the conclusion of the committee was that too many “tweaks” would need to be made to the “in the round” seating arrangement to make it feasible for us. Instead, Sr. Mary Jo, Fr. Ed and Joe Licitra, the MRI committee chairperson, have asked Carl Posewitz, the architect, to come up with another plan that better honors the beams.

4. Evangelization and Outreach: Betty reported that she and Judy are planning on putting a plan in place in the spring. She has investigated placing a sign on Eaton Street. At this point, the Mayor’s office is still working on the issue. The focus of the Chrism workshop this year will be re-energizing parishes. Hopefully, this will give us insight and ideas that the parish can use. Council members were encouraged to attend the workshop. The Chrism Mass will be held on Monday April 3, 2017, in Helena. The workshop will take place from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm with Chrism Mass to follow at 5:30 pm.

The Council began a brainstorming session on how to invite persons/families to Blessed Trinity:

- ◆ See each parishioner as an evangelizer;
- ◆ Parishioners could family and friends to Lenten events such as Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Improve outdoor space

5. Parish Ministries:

- ◆ Christian Initiation: Fr. Ed announced that Team RCIA would return for a Phase II workshop April 28—29, 2017.
- ◆ Pastoral Care Ministry: Ron discussed the importance of Pastoral Care. He continued that we need more Pastoral Care Ministers.

6. My Parish App: Sr. Mary Jo reported that the My Parish App will launch on March 1, 2017.

7. Stewardship: Skipped.

8. Faith Formation: Skipped.

9. Confirmation: Confirmation will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017.

10. Parish Directory: The Parish Directory has been sent to the publisher.

11. Lent: Judy reported that Tuesday Evening Prayer/Soup and Bread will return for Lent this year. The Council discussed methods to make this an outreach opportunity.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is **Monday March 6, 2017** at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
February 12, 2017