

Pastoral Council Meeting  
July 17, 2017  
Minutes

Note: July 10, 2017 meeting of the Pastoral Council was postponed to July 17, 2017.

**Present:** Members: Pat Mellen, Elizabeth Licitra, Ruth Licitra, Rita O'Neil, and Betty Chrestenson.

Staff: Fr. Ed Hislop, Sr. Mary Jo Quinn

Note: There was not an opening prayer. Additions to the agenda were not requested.

Fr. Ed reported that Marilyn Rodriguez has formally resigned from the Council. Matt Rich has been removed from the Council in accordance with the bylaws.

**1. Parish Picnic with Grace Methodist:** Sr. Mary Jo reported that Cathy Burlison has been speaking with representatives from Grace Methodist Church regarding our joint picnic on Sunday, August 20, 2017. It has been set at Franklin Park and is to begin at 10:45 am. The picnic will be a potluck: each family will bring a dish, Blessed Trinity will provide drinks and Grace Methodist will provide utensils. Seating will be limited; parishioners are requested to bring their own chairs and tables. Sr. Mary Jo said that we could not be present at the park at 10:45 as we are still in Mass. **Action: Sr. Mary Jo will call Grace Methodist regarding the time.** There was discussion on how the picnic was to be advertised to parishioners. The current Bulletin is for July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was also suggested that posters should be posted on the doors. **Action: Sr. Mary Jo will put an announcement of the picnic in the next Bulletin.**

**2. No Room at the Inn (NRATI):** The NRATI committee will meet on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that Staff recommended that NRATI be held December 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> this year as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the same day as the Gala. The Council raised the following objections: NRATI would be held the last full weekend before Christmas which could impact sales and our ability to attract groups for the Saturday event, Voices of Faith, and we could be overtaxing the church environment team as many of them are part of NRATI as well.

**3. Maintain/Renew/Imagine (MRI):**

**a. Painting:** Fr. Ed reported that the bad siding has been replaced by the Knights, and the building has been power-washed in preparation for painting. The painting is to start next week. The gutters will be replaced and rerouted so that the water from the roof drains under the sidewalk into the parking lot on the north side of the church (on the Office side). Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC) sent volunteers to trim bushes and replace siding at Fr. Ed's house to prepare it for painting.

**b. Strategic Planning Team:** Our architect, Carl Posewitz, has met with the City with regard to the renovation plan. The City has a plan to put sidewalks in along Eaton St. The sidewalks will be paid for by Blessed Trinity. Carl has not come up with a cost for the renovation plan yet. Once he does, the Strategic Planning Team will meet.

**c. Capital Campaign:** We need to start to focus on a plan for a capital campaign.

**4. Family Promise:** Some people did double shifts for Family Promise during our week, July 9<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>. Rick has stepped down as co-chair, so we will need to find a new co-chair.

**5. OUTREACH to new neighbors:** There is a meeting for the Franklin to the Fort neighborhood on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Mary Jo and Betty said that they would go as they live in the neighborhood. The Council would like to know what the needs of the neighborhood are and how we as a parish can have a greater presence in the neighborhood. Fr. Ed pointed out that Ruth lives in the River Road neighborhood. She agreed to go to the next River Road neighborhood meeting.

A neighborhood picnic was suggested. The parish would provide hamburgers and hot dogs. The Outreach committee suggested that we advertise the event by using door hangers. Suggested dates are September 9<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Sign on Eaton and Mount:** Betty reported that she has met with the Zoning Commission. They will not permit us to put up a sign on the corner of Eaton and Mount: permitting the sign would set a precedent allowing religious organizations to lease city property for the purpose of putting up a sign.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Ruth Licitra  
July 25, 2017