

Pastoral Council Meeting March 6, 2017
Minutes

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

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

1. Gathering Prayer: Fr. Ed led the Pastoral Council in the Diocese of Helena Prayer for the Pastoral Planning Process.

2. Additions: None

3. "Shepherd Us in Ministry and Mission": The Diocese of Helena Planning Process: The Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ Parish Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017. A chili dinner will be served at 6 pm with the planning process beginning at 6:30 pm.

a) The Chili Dinner will be hosted by the Pastoral Council (Set up, organize, serve, and clean up). Spirit of Christ will sit together. Dinner will consist of chili, bread, grated cheese, onions, and sour cream. **Ruth will provide Sr. Mary Jo with a shopping list. Sr. Mary Jo will go shopping and brown the meat. Judy and Betty will put together the chili after Bible Study on Thursday afternoon.**

b) Planning Process: The Diocese sent materials to the office. Rita will be in charge of the process with Pat and Judy (as a representative from Staff) assisting. **Elizabeth will get back to Rita as to her availability. Sr. Mary Jo and Judy will coordinate supplies.**

c) A post card will be sent to all Parish households this week. Fr. Ed will announce the Planning meeting this weekend. Judy will coordinate sign ups through MyParish app.

4. Lent at Blessed Trinity: Judy and Fr. Ed reported that on the Tuesdays of Lent will begin with Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6 pm followed by Soup and Bread at 6:30 pm. Soup and Bread will feature a short clip on the Operation Rice Bowl Country of the Week.

5. Stewardship: Fr. Ed reported on stewardship.

a) Current Status: Stewardship is up. There was a \$5,000 gift. Glenda Seipp will speak on the "Value of Stewardship" before Masses this weekend.

b) Telephone Outreach: The Finance Council has voted to form a calling committee to contact parishioners. They have asked for the Pastoral Council's assistance as callers. Dale Barnum has developed a calling format.

6. Chrism Day and Chrism Mass: Fr. Ed announced that the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Cathedral in Helena at 5:30 pm. Fr. Ron Lewinski will be the speaker for the Study Day which will be held from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

7. Maintain/Renew/Imagine Update: Fr. Ed and Sr. Mary Jo met with Carl Posewitz, architect, on March 3, 2017 to go over the recommendations from the Strategic Planning Team. Carl will meet with the Strategic Planning Team on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Fr. Ed described some of the

proposed changes to the Pastoral Council. The next MRI Whole Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 after the 10 am Mass.

8. MyParish App: Sr. Mary Jo reported that the MyParish app is up and going.

9. Faith Formation: Judy reported that the March 12th Faith Formation would focus on the Transfiguration: What is a “Mountain Top Experience” and where does it lead us? The next Faith Formation will be held on Sunday, April 2nd and will focus on the other three Scrutinies.

10. Confirmation: Judy reported that Confirmation for the Missoula Deanery will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Blessed Trinity. There will be about 40 Confirmandi including two from Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ. Blessed Trinity has been asked to provide ushers and the music for Confirmation. There will be a reception held afterwards.

11. Parish Directory: Sr. Mary Jo reported that Marge is making corrections in the Directory.

12. Triduum 2017: Pastoral Council members were urged to invite people to the Triduum. The schedule is to be published in the Bulletin.

Pat commented that people have left bowls, etc. in the kitchen. Betty has organized a crew to clean the kitchen Saturday, March 11th at 10 am. The stove and the oven have already been cleaned professionally. Extra items will be placed in the Social Hall for pick up. There are some coats that have been left behind. Pat Wegner is organizing the replacement of the vinyl tablecloths.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be determined at the next Staff Meeting and disseminated to Pastoral Council members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Licitra
March 13, 2017