

Pastoral Council Meeting
October 16, 2017
Minutes

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

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

1. Gathering Prayer: The Pastoral Council prayed the Prayer for the Pastoral Planning Process for the Diocese of Helena.

2. Additions to the Agenda: No additions to the Agenda were requested.

3. Listening Session: The next Parish Listening Session for the Diocesan Five Year Plan will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Sr. Mary Jo suggested that we bring in lunch meat, etc. for people to eat while they discuss. Perhaps the Coffee and Donuts Crew can assist the Pastoral Council with the food preparation. The plan will be finalized at this week's Staff Meeting. We anticipate that 50 parishioners will participate in the Listening Session. There will need to be a clean up committee. Daycare will be provided so that parents can attend. We will need two adults to staff this.

Some logistics:

- ◆ There will be an age demographic sign in sheet at each table
- ◆ A list of attendees will be created
- ◆ There will be a sheet at each table with a summary of the input from the last meeting including the date of the last meeting
- ◆ This is a parish feedback session: parishioners will need ideas that fit the topics identified by the Deanery and/or Diocese
- ◆ There will be newsprint provided to prioritize ideas by tables
- ◆ This will create parish level priorities
- ◆ Everyone will get a copy of the Parish Input Response
- ◆ The scribe will fill in each table's priority sheet especially answering the questions "Why?" and "What do you expect to see?"
- ◆ Each table will divide into smaller groups. Each smaller group will discuss one of the table's priorities
- ◆ The table leader will present the results. Hopefully, this will be a Pastoral Council member who will act as a moderator.
- ◆ The newsprint has a list of all of the possible priorities. The results will be tallied and the top five priorities will be entered on the Parish Priority Report
- ◆ There will be at least one Spirit of Christ table. Their results will be tallied separately
- ◆ The parish will come to a consensus on our top five priorities
- ◆ **Rita, Judy and David will meet to discuss simplifying the process**

4. Vespers: Ecumenical Vespers will be held Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Cathedral in Helena. There will be a bus that will leave at 3:45 pm. Vespers start at 7 pm with a reception to follow. There is a study guide available on the parish website (www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org).

Fr. Ed and Sr. Mary Jo have been invited to be a part of a panel discussion on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Roxy Theatre.

5. Contemplative Rosary: There will be a Contemplative Rosary on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7 pm.

6. Spirit of Christ Furnace Fundraising Dinner: The Spirit of Christ Furnace Fundraising Dinner was held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. All 115 seats were sold.

7. Bulletin Board in Sacristy: The Bulletin Board in the Sacristy is getting small for the number of Funeral pictures and cards on it. It was suggested that we need a larger Bulletin Board for the Sacristy.

8. Pictures of the Communion of Saints: It is time to bring in pictures of deceased families and friends to adorn the worship space during the month of November.

9. Neighborhood Picnic: Caroline Pickolick sent a Thank You note to the Pastoral Council for the Neighborhood Picnic. Members were pleased with the turnout and hope that it becomes an annual event. There were neighbors present at the Picnic.

10. Maintain/Renew/Imagine (MRI): There will be a meeting of the MRI Steering committee soon. Hopefully, there will be a Whole Parish meeting in November.

11. No Room at the Inn (NRATI): There will be a raffle for some larger items added to the Basket Raffle. Tickets for the larger items will be \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

12. Eucharistic Minister Training: There will be an Eucharistic Minister Training on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Licitra

October 19, 2017