

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 11, 2017
Minutes

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

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

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

2. Additions to the Agenda: Rita asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. There were none.

3a. Picnic with Grace Methodist: Comments were asked for regarding the picnic with Grace Methodist Church (our Family Promise Partner) on Sunday, August 20th:

- ◆ There was good attendance from Blessed Trinity Parish
- ◆ It was good to the Grace Methodist congregation
- ◆ There was lots of food
- ◆ There was some intermingling
- ◆ Maybe this could become a regular thing if both churches continue as partners in Family Promise
- ◆ The bees were troublesome

3b. Parish Picnic Sunday September 24th: Fr. Ed would like to connect with the other churches in the neighborhood. He also would like to see Blessed Trinity become a more visible presence in the neighborhood, especially at Franklin School.

The Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 1-3 pm. Sr. Mary Jo, Judy, and Judy agreed to head up the arrangements for the picnic. There will be a Bouncy House and music provided by the Collard Greens. The Knights will cook the burgers. The picnic is planned for 200 attendees. The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and ice cream. Joan and Ron will purchase the food. David and Pat will ask others to be a part of the clean up crew. Betty will gather a set up and food prep crew. The picnic will be held outside, weather permitting. Rita and Sr. Mary Jo will be the overall coordinators. Judy will find monitors for the Bouncy House.

4. Diocesan Pastoral Planning: Session 2 will be held Sunday, October 22, 2017 11:30 am. Mass. Spirit of Christ will join the session, sitting at their own table as they did in Session 1. **Rita will act as facilitator and will gather a committee to help her.**

5. St Francis Xavier 125th Anniversary Celebration: St Francis Xavier will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Saturday September 16th from 5-9 pm. Admission is canned food.

6. Spirit of Christ Fundraising Dinner: Spirit of Christ is holding a fundraising dinner to replace their heater. They need to raise \$4000 more. The dinner will be catered by Lolo Steak

House. The tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Fr. Ed reminded us that Spirit of Christ is an integral part of the Blessed Trinity community and that Blessed Trinity parishioners should support this event.

7. New Flat Screen TV: Blessed Trinity received a grant from the Diocese of Helena Foundation for \$1000. A 65" flat screen TV and stand were bought with this money. This TV is internet compatible. Judy plans to use the new TV for VIRTUS training on September 12th. We still need smaller internet compatible TVs for the smaller meeting rooms.

8. No Room at the Inn (NRATI): Sr. Mary Jo reported that NRATI will be held December 8-10th this year. Meetings are underway to make the event bigger and better.

9. Maintain/Renew/Imagine (MRI): Fr. Ed reported that we have not yet gotten the estimates for the project. Once the estimates are here, the MRI steering committee will meet to discern how to proceed.

The painting of the outside of the building has been completed. The sidewalk drains are in. We are waiting for the gutters to arrive.

Not on the Agenda:

10. Ecumenical Meeting: Fr. Ed announced that there will be a prayer service celebrating of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Monday, October 30th at the Helena Cathedral. There will be two Catholic Bishops, the current and the past Montana Lutheran Bishops present.

11. MyParish App: Pat announced that the Pastoral Council has a group on the MyParish app. Council members were asked to sign up for the group.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted
Ruth Licitra
July 25, 2017