

Pastoral Council  
April 22, 2018  
Notes

Note: The meeting scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018 was postponed until Sunday, April 22, 2018.

**Present:** Members: Joan Butler, David Neu, Pat Mellen, Rita O'Neil, Betty Chrestenson, Cathy Burleson, Elizabeth Licitra, and Ruth Licitra. Staff: Sr. Mary Jo Quinn, Fr. Ed Hislop, Deacon Ron Butler, and Judy Cooney.

- 1. Bishop Thomas' Farewell Reception:** There is space left at Bishop Thomas' Farewell Reception. It will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018. Let the office know if you would like to attend.
- 2. Immigration Issues:** There have been round ups of illegal aliens in Missoula and Ravalli Counties. Fr. Ed, Sr. Mary Jo, and Hans Zuuring attended a meeting for Montanans for Immigrant Justice to increase their awareness of issues facing immigrants in Montana. This group is looking to the Church to increase awareness and for support for the families affected by the deportation of breadwinners due to a lack of documentation. The U. S. Council of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement on immigration describing it as a moral issue. **The council affirmed that Blessed Trinity should hold an information night where Montanans for Immigrant Justice could present information.** Rita reminded the council that by agreeing to the information night, we would be responsible for set up and clean up.
- 3. Choir Concert:** Sr. Mary Jo reported that the Choir will be performing in concert on Monday, May 21, 2018. There will be a free will offering to help those affected by the round ups. She proposed that we raffle off a week's stay at a condo on Lake Pend d'Oreille in Idaho as a fundraiser as well.
- 4. Glass Recycling:** Missoula Interfaith Collaborative has set up two fundraising /help businesses: Get It Done and Glass Recycling. The Get It Done Crew will charge \$25/hour and will be available to do yard work, etc. Blessed Trinity will be a part of the glass recycling pilot program. We will need to find a spot to keep the collection bin. The church will pay \$200/month to have the bin on site. Parishioners would be able to drop off their glass on Sundays. A free will offering will be accepted. **David and Pat will look into locations to put the bins and the cost of securing the bins during the week.**
- 5. Stained Paint on North Side of the Building:** Rita mentioned that the north side of the building has been stained by water. Fr. Ed replied that the drain company has been made aware of the problem. It will be repaired and the damaged area repainted.
- 6. Maintain/Renew/Imagine(MRI):** Fr. Ed has received an estimate of \$400,000 for the revised plan which includes the Gathering Space, landscaping, parking lot and lighting with no other changes to the Worship Space. The next step would be to arrange a meeting with the Diocese to discuss fundraising. The difficulty is that there is no Bishop right now. Fr. Ed is not sure that we can raise this amount and would like to look into selling some property to make up the difference. The MRI Steering committee will meet to decide whether to recommend this.
- 7. Family Promise:** Cathy has decided to continue on as Blessed Trinity's Family Promise coordinator.
- 8. New Pastoral Council:** Fr. Ed has asked the council to continue to think of names for a new council. The selection process will take place in the Fall.
- 9. Security Training:** There will be security training and training on the use of the AED.
- 10. Confirmation:** Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, April 29\*, 2018 at St. Anthony Parish at 4 pm. Monseigneur O'Neill will celebrate the Mass. There will be three confirmandi from Blessed Trinity and two from Spirit of Christ.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Licitra  
April 30, 2018