

Pastoral Council  
March 12, 2018  
Meeting Notes

**Present:** Members: Elizabeth Licitra, Betty Chrestenson, Cathy Burleson, Rita O'Neil, and Ruth Licitra.  
Staff: Judy Cooney, Fr. Ed Hislop, and Sr. Mary Jo Quinn.

The Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for March 5, 2018 was postponed until March 12, 2018.

- 1. Gathering Prayer:** Fr. Ed led the council in prayer.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda;** There were no additions to the Agenda.
- 3. Reflection on the Whole Parish Meeting:** Fr. Ed felt that a good consensus had been reached at the meeting. Betty stated that 60-70 people were present. Financing is a concern, but we've got to put some money into the building. Rita was glad we stuck to our vision. Some people thought that we've talked enough already, it was time to start. Fr. Ed reminded everyone that the revised plan does not preclude following through on the original plan. The kitchen is needed, but the Gathering and Worship Spaces are a priority. Ruth and Elizabeth reflected on the storage needs of the parish: the "kids playroom" is being used as storage space and creating a dangerous environment for the kids. They also brought up that the kids playroom is not being kept up by those using it after Coffee and Donuts.
- 4. Bishop Thomas...:** Bishop Thomas has been transferred to Las Vegas effective May 15, 2018.
- 5. Missoula Interfaith Collaborative:** Sister Mary Jo reported that Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC), in partnership with the YWCA, is in the process of obtaining housing for Family Promise. This would allow the families to stay in one place with member churches providing dinner and evening hosts. MIC is starting two service oriented businesses to aid in fundraising: Get it Done, a clean-up business; and a glass recycling business. **The council affirmed the idea conditionally: the council would like more details on how the program would work.**

MIC is about to embark on a fund drive for their new building. They would like to approach five to six of our parishioners for funds. **The council came to a consensus to proceed with providing names to MIC.**

- 6. Chrism Day:** Fr. Ed reported that the Chrism Study Day topic will be Multicultural Liturgy and Church in a Multicultural Age. This will be Bishop Thomas' last Chrism Mass in Helena.
- 7. The Three Days of Easter:** The Three Days of Easter are fast approaching. There will be two Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.
- 8. Pastoral Council Nominees:** The Pastoral Council and Fr. Ed discussed potential candidates for the upcoming council. The term for the current council ends in May 2018. There was a feeling that members of the parish under the age of 65 are underrepresented on the council.
- 9. Faith Formation:** Judy reported that the theme for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation would be "Saved for Mission". Confirmation will be held on Sunday April 29, 2018 at St. Anthony Parish at 4 pm. There will be three confirmandi from Blessed Trinity and two from Spirit of Christ. The Presided will be Monseigneur O'Neil. Vacation Bible School will be held June 11—15, 2018.
- 10. Pastoral Care:** No report.
- 11. Security Concerns:** Mark Putty from the Missoula Police Department is willing to conduct a class on security after Easter.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, April 09, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Licitra  
April 9, 2018