

Blessed Trinity Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for September 2021

Date	September 20, 2021
Time	7:00 – 8:45 pm
Location	Saint Catherine Parish Hall
Attendance	Pastoral Team: Fr Peter and Fr Joe PPC Members: Mihran Keoseian (chair), Carole Prest (co-chair), Rita Biagioni, Tom Emberley, Peter Fidrych, Lori Hauptert, Rachel Hepp, Karen McNamara, Joyce O'Donnell, Shaun Driscoll, Bob O'Neill PPC Member Regrets: Wes Baker, Sue Gormley Ex Officio Members: Debbie Rhodes, Bill Dwyer
Facilitator & Co-Facilitator	Mihran Keoseian Carole Prest
Recording of Meeting Minutes	Lori Hauptert The recorder for our November meeting will be Rachel Hepp.
Agenda Topics	Notes
Welcome & Opening Remarks	Mihran opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in person.
Opening Prayer	Fr. Peter led the Council members in the “Instrument of Peace” prayer.
Here & Now	All members shared good news and areas where they were asking for prayers for family and/or friends in need. Others provide family updates. Prayers were requested for Kevin R and Rachel’s cousin David’s family.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The June meeting minutes had been approved by e-mail vote in June.
Tom Fitzpatrick Update	Tom did not attend as there are no updates from the Archdiocese.
Letter from parishioner	A letter was sent by Randall Fisher to Mihran and Kelly Clark, leader of the Liturgical Committee, requesting that the parish add an additional Mass at St. Anne’s. Mihran requested initial

	<p>thoughts from the PPC members. Some comments and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priest availability to cover 4 Masses? • What would be the best time for an additional Mass? • Would the music ministry be able to provide music for 4 Masses? • Have any other parishioners made a similar request? • Concerns about decline in registration for religious education, children and families attending Masses. • Current number of people attending the existing Masses • How people are still routed in their church identity and the time it will take to mesh as Blessed Trinity Parish • Good news is that 90 children made their First Communion but parents may be concerned about taking unvaccinated children to Mass. <p>Mihran thanked people for their comments and requested that each person send him additional thoughts and comments via e-mail. Mihran would collate the responses and send them to Fr. Peter and Fr. Joe when completed. It was noted that Fr. Peter and Fr. Joe would make the final determination of Randy's request.</p>
<p>Stewardship and Other Related Updates</p>	<p>Debbie Rhodes passed out Stewardship handouts. She shared several updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish picnic went well and while numbers were small, there was a good mix of people from both churches. • The presentation/retreat for those grieving was well received with about 20 people attending. The Parish will start a Grief Ministry. • The planned mix and mingle social event for key ministries may or may not take place due to COVID restrictions and mask mandates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry Fair October 9 and 10 has been cancelled due to COVID concerns but people will be at church entrances after each Mass to pass out information.
Stewardship: Phone Outreach Debrief	<p>Bob O'Neill provided updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,739 families/parishioners were called. Some people were taken off the parish database as they no longer planned to participate in the parish. It is unclear if the return on the effort met expectations but certain individuals were very appreciative of the outreach.
Stewardship Showcase: October 9 and 10	<p>Debbie note there is a need for volunteers for each of the 3 Masses to hand out information. Mihran encouraged PPC members to volunteer.</p>
Looking Forward Goals	<p>Carole presented a handout on Looking Forward roles and summarized the discussion from the June meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion focused on identifying a few key councils where there should be tighter coordination. Stewardship and FinCom were selected. The next FinCom meeting is Tuesday 9/28. Bob O'Neill volunteered to be the PPC liaison. For other councils, the PPC should receive copies of their minutes. A PPC member suggested that for those PPC members who were involved in parish ministries, that they give an update on their ministries during the Here and Now. There was a discussion of what the PPC's role was when a letter like the one received asking for an additional Mass. The conclusion was that the appropriate committee should take the lead, depending on the content of the request. Not all issues should come to the PPC.

Joint FinCom/PPC meeting	Date to be determined.
Next Meeting	November 8, 2021. No October meeting.
Final Comments	<p>The Pastoral Team offered insights into issues that may be drawing people away from the parish, in particular issues involving the larger Church around sexual abuse and the approach to the LGBTQ community. They also gave several updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Anne’s 75th anniversary celebration will include a Mass but no reception due to COVID concerns. There may be a reception at a later date. • Longtime parish employee Denise VanVeen is retiring in November. Denise, Sue Gormley, and Dave LeBleu will be on the interview committee for her replacement. • St. Catherine’s church and rectory need new roofs. A new A/C unit is needed for the St. Catherine’s Parish Hall. Total cost is ~ \$110,000 which would consume much of the \$200,000 in the Church bank account. Father Peter will make a special appeal to the parishioners for support. <u>FYI: UPDATED INFORMATION RE: HEATING/AC INFORMATION—THE UNIT WILL COST \$59,000 AND WILL BE INSTALLED IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER—ROOFING QUOTES ARE STILL COMING IN.</u> • Fr. Peter and Father Joe shared personal comments about how challenging these times are as the Church is navigating choppy, uncharted waters. They commented that attendance at the Saturday 4:00 Mass has not hit 200 since the COVID pandemic hit. They prayed that people do not abandon ship and stay rooted and centered.
Closing Prayer	Lori Hauptert

