

**Blessed Trinity
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025 6:30 PM Catholic Life Center-Parish Meeting Room**

Blessed Trinity Council Members Present: Mary Jo Schultz, Sarah Schueffner, Natalie Kohlhagen, Mason Klahn, Jim Klich, Scott Birenbaum, Jim O'Neill, Al Mayer, Deb Hasler, Tim Woodworth, Siena Mooren and Terry Rotter

Parish Staff Present: Fr. Michael Lawinger and Julia Rodemeier

Excused Absence: Sam Steckbauer and Makenzie Schroeder

Call to Order: Tim Woodworth

Approval of Agenda:

Mason Klahn moved to approve the agenda. Al Mayer seconded it after the addition of two additional items; Agenda items for PC joint meeting and Thoughts from parishioners.

Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2025

Scott Birenbaum moved to approve the minutes. Terry Rotter seconded it. Minutes approved as written.

Committee Speaker: Buildings & Grounds – Mike Nett

Mike Nett did not attend the meeting. Al Mayer responded to a few questions from the Council.

Committee Reports

***Please read the submitted summaries before attending the meeting.

Questions/clarifications will be discussed at the meeting ***

Old Business:

- Nominations/Discernments for Youth and Adult PC Members – Scott Birenbaum
 - Nominations for Youth PC members has been completed. Two youth members were nominated and they accepted the nominations so there was no need for Discernment. We welcome and thank Siena Mooren and Mason Klahn for serving as our youth representatives.
 - Nominations for Adult PC members has been completed. 42 nominees will be contacted to see if they are interested in serving on the council. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30PM to answer any questions that the nominees may have. Discernment is set for Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30PM.
- Nominations/Election for Trustee Update – Fr. Michael

The position of Parish Trustee-Treasurer is open for nominations. Terry Rotter is at the end of his two-year term as Parish Trustee-Treasurer. Fr. Michael has nominated Terry Rotter for another two-year term. Other nominations will be accepted until Friday, May 30, 2025. If needed, the Trustee Election will be held during the Sunday Mass, June 8, 2025.
- Joint Parish Picnic – Deb Hasler

The picnic will be held Sunday, August 10 at Rochester Park from 11:30AM – 3:00PM. There will be a kickball tournament from 1:30PM – 2:30PM. The Balloon Lady will attend from 12:00PM – 1:00PM. Entertainment is being finalized. Games will be out for people to enjoy including pickleball equipment. Food trucks will provide food for the event. Drinks will be provided by the churches.

Freewill offerings will be used to pay for the food and drinks. The churches will cover any additional cost. The purpose is for fun and fellowship without cost being a barrier to attend.

- Volunteer Request Update – Julia Rodemeier
Two people have offered to help Lynn with filing. Once person volunteered to help with the PowerPoint slides for the projection system. If there are other areas that need help, Julia is willing to help find a possible solution.

New Business:

- Parish Priest Installation Mass – Fr. Michael
No date has been set at this time.
- Updates to Sound System and Projector System – Julia Rodemeier
 - Sound System – Many companies assessed our system. There were many bids submitted. Discussion will continue and the best option will be chosen.
 - Projector System - Nerds and Plaid assessed our projector system. They are a company who provides AV and computer support. They found some faulty wiring in the projector system as well as a poor connection between the computer and the main system. They made a few adjustments and will return to make a permanent fix of those issues. There was also discussion with them as to how to best work the projector system.
- Agenda items for next Joint PC meeting – Tim Woodworth
Joint Parish Picnic and Installation Mass were two items that will be added to the agenda.
- Thoughts from Parishioners – Tim Woodworth
Nothing to share

Administrator's Report – Fr. Michael

Pentecost will be celebrated soon. Fr. Michael would like to use that time to share with parishioners the purpose of the church. The purpose is the salvation of souls. That should be considered the purpose and mission of our church – no other mission statement is necessary. Everything we do should have this focus of *How is this leading toward the salvation of souls?* We should focus our church programs on this. What we do on a day-to-day basis, and as we look to the future our focus should be on salvation. The Pastoral Council meetings may be structured a little different in that there will be a focus on learning and prayer along with our usual work.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Michael

Adjournment: 7:20PM

Important Dates:

- June 26 – Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
- August 10 – Joint Parish Picnic