

Blessed Trinity Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023 6:30 PM Catholic Life Center-Parish Meeting Room

Present: Deb Hasler, Kelly Jens, Sarah Schueffner, Chris Audino, Jim Klich, Tim Woodworth, Terry Rotter, Sandy Jordan, Ruth Paul, Kris Raeder, Judy Woelfel, Mason Klahn and Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel

Excused Absence: Liz Holtz and Hadley Heimerman

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Jim Klich

Committee Presentation – Evangelization: Paula Inda

The Evangelization Committee was formed in 2018 and initially began as a joint committee with St. John Evangelist. The committee has taken a variety of forms over the years and never really accomplished its initial vision. Recently, Paula talked to Margaret Rhody from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and she gave some insights on the committee. Evangelization should be listening to parishioners. Then, using their thoughts/needs, guide the work of the committee. Margaret also suggested that the Pastoral Council complete an assessment through the Called and Gifted Workshop. This workshop includes completing an inventory which determines the gifts, skills and talents present in the group and where there may be gaps. Other committees at the parish could do the workshop as well to help them guide their work. The Pastoral Council seemed interested in this workshop and what it could do for the rejuvenation of the Evangelization Committee.

Paula also shared that the Human Concerns Committee had a desire to offer Blessed Trinity merchandise. They felt it would be a great way to identify our church when distributing communion at nursing homes, volunteering in the community, etc. T-shirts and collared shirts will be offered in a heather grey with a green stitched logo. Paula asked the Council to decide on a logo for the shirts. This logo will only be used for merchandise items. An order form will be shared with parishioners along with sample shirts for determining sizes. Orders will be taken in June and shirts will arrive around the end of June.

Approval of Agenda:

Tim Woodworth moved to approve the agenda. Chris Audino seconded it. Agenda approved with the addition of Parish Picnic Update under Old Business.

Approval of Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023

Chris Audino moved to approve the minutes. Fr. Schmeckel seconded it. Minutes approved as written.

Committee Reports

Committee reports were emailed to the Council members before the meeting. Council members had an opportunity to ask questions to the liaisons at the meeting.

- Evangelization & Formation:
 - Evangelization – Sarah Schueffner
 - Religious Education/Youth & Young Adult Ministry – Kelly Jens
 - Youth Representatives – Hadley Heimerman and Mason Klahn
- Catholic Life Center – Jim Klich and Mason Klahn
- Human Concerns – Liz Holtz
- Liturgy – Judy Woelfel
- Stewardship/Community Building – Ruth Paul

- Building Committee – Tim Woodworth
- Finance Council – Terry Rotter/Chris Audino/Kris Raeder
- Archdiocese Planning/Deanery – Deb Hasler

Old Business:

- Pastoral Council Retreat – Fr. Schmeckel
Fr. Schmeckel felt that the Pastoral Council should participate in a Called and Gifted Workshop. The Council members would be interested in an all-day workshop. Fr. Schmeckel will look into a location, possibly off-site, and propose some dates at the next meeting.
- Eucharistic Revival – Fr. Schmeckel
A Eucharist Revival Event is planned for Saturday, June 10 in St. Francis. There will be a Mass, confessions, a Eucharistic Procession and Eucharistic Adoration. We will look for a way to promote the event to our parishioners.
- Update on Youth Pastoral Council Representative Nominations/Discernment – Tim Woodworth
Tim and Mason met with the high school class to inform them of the opportunity for a youth representative on the Pastoral Council. There were 5 nominees after receiving the forms. The deadline for any additional nominees is Friday, April 28. The discernment will be May 10.
- Update on Adult Pastoral Council Representative Nominations/Discernment – Tim Woodworth
Information of the need for Pastoral Council members has been shared with parishioners. After the first weekend of collecting names of possible nominees, 43 nominees have been submitted. There will be one more weekend of information being shared with parishioners, and then nominations will close April 30. A nominee gathering is scheduled for May 24, and discernment is scheduled for May 31.
- Update on Parish Trustee Nomination/Election – Sandy/Fr. Schmeckel
Fr. Schmeckel has nominated Terry Rotter for another two-year term. Since Fr. Schmeckel has nominated Terry, Terry does not need the 10 signatures. Nominations close Friday, May 26. After that, it will be determined if any other parishioners were nominated for the position.
- Feast of the Most Holy Trinity on Sunday, June 4 – Update – Ruth Paul
Plans are still being made for the event. A procession and/or outdoor gathering are being considered. We will be mindful of Archbishop ListECKI as we plan for the event.
- Stewardship Commission Request for Slideshow Promotions – Ruth Paul
Committees were asked to promote their events through the use of the screens before Mass. Most committee liaisons reported that their committees would be willing to utilize this way of sharing information. Specifics will be given at the next meeting of how to submit the information, the format needed, deadline dates, etc.
- Parish Picnic Update – August 20, 2023
Plans have begun for the event. There will be a similar format and menu as last year. Live music, the Balloon Lady, and a dunk tank have already been reserved.

New Business:

- Devotional Hours to Mary during the month of May – Tim Woodworth
The Rosary will be prayed daily during the month of May. Council members are asked to consider signing up for a date to lead the Rosary. Pamphlets will be available at church on how to pray the rosary from the Knights of Columbus.

- Thoughts from Parishioners – Deb Hasler
 - When is the proper time to sit after communion? Fr. Schmeckel responded that parishioners can sit when the door of the tabernacle is closed, or when the priest sits. You can choose whichever you are comfortable doing.
 - Will wine be returning during communion? This is at the discretion of the priest. Fr. Schmeckel is still thinking about this. He may consider offering it for a special occasion, like a feast day or First Communion. Just a reminder that the body and blood are present in the Eucharist.
 - Why were the altar servers moved to the other side of the altar? The servers asked to be moved since they felt they were too far away from Fr. Schmeckel during Mass.
- Mass Schedule Evaluation and Ideas – Fr. Schmeckel

We began a discussion of the Mass schedule. There will be three weekend Masses offered between Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist. There are many things to consider when making this change. There was discussion on attendance at current Masses and feedback heard from parishioners on current Mass times. Fr. Schmeckel began this discussion with the SJE Pastoral Council as well. We will continue the discussion next month.
- Preschool – Fr. Schmeckel

A preschool at Blessed Trinity was discussed. The idea of connecting families to the church was well received. This would be thought of as an 'investment' since the preschool would probably not make money. Research will be needed moving forward. Also, the Archdiocese will need to be contacted to find out what needs to be done if we want to open a preschool. The Council recommends that someone contacts the Superintendent of Schools at the Archdiocese.

Administrator's Report – Fr. Schmeckel

Nothing additional to add

Prayer Intentions and Closing Prayer – Fr. Schmeckel

Adjournment: 8:25 PM

- Important Dates:
 - Next Pastoral Council Meeting: May 25, 2023 6:30 pm
 - Opening Prayer: Sarah Schueffner
 - Committee Presentation: Human Concerns – Mary Jo Widder
 - Next Social: Saturday, May 13, 2023 Evangelization – Sarah Schueffner/Bulletin Article to Sandy by May 1
 - Youth Pastoral Council Discernment: May 10
 - Adult Pastoral Council Nominee Gathering: May 24 & Discernment: May 31
 - Trustee Election Weekend (if needed): June 10 & 11
 - Meet & Greet Schedule: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA4A72BA3F94-meet>