

**Blessed Trinity Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2023 6:30 PM Catholic Life Center-Parish Meeting Room**

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

Excused Absence: Hadley Heimerman and Terry Rotter

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Sarah Schueffner

Committee Presentation – Human Concerns: Mary Jo Widder

The Human Concerns Committee has been very busy with many initiatives including:

- Blessed Trinity merchandise has been in the works for a few years as a way to promote our parish. Last weekend was the kick off for sales of embroidered shirts with a BT logo.
- Mother's Day seed packets with a poem and prayer were blessed by Father and distributed on Mother's Day weekend.
- At Home Mission week planning has started. So far there are only two projects and two people from our parish signed up. There will be a group from the Church of Latter Day Saints coming to help one day. They are willing to help with larger projects.
- The Lenten almsgiving project was raising money for a group in Honduras. \$16, 000 was raised.
- Easter baskets were created for many. 77 baskets were made and delivered.
- 40 Days for Life drew walkers in the fall and spring.
- Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive gathered items for those in need. Some Human Concerns members helped to sort the donated items.
- Bags for Mom were made and given to Anchor of Hope. 30 bags were filled with positive goodies for moms. They are considering making bags for fathers.
- Christmas cards were sent to all parish members.
- The Warming Shelter was full (25) or almost full every night. About 6 parish members helped at the shelter.

Approval of Agenda:

Chris Audino moved to approve the agenda. Liz Holtz seconded it. Agenda approved.

Approval of Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2023

Tim Woodworth 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/Called and Gifted Workshop– Fr. Schmeckel
With the terms of three current Pastoral Council members coming to an end, Fr. Schmeckel suggested that we wait to move forward with this idea until new members join the Council in a few months. The new members, as well as the outgoing members, will be invited to attend.
- Update on Youth Pastoral Council Representative Nominations/Discernment - Tim Woodworth/Fr. Schmeckel
There were 5 youth nominees. At the end of the discernment, Mason Klahn agreed to serve another year. At this point we will have only one Youth Pastoral Council Representative.
- Update on Adult Pastoral Council Representative Nominations/Discernment – Tim Woodworth
There was an informational gathering for the 10 nominees. Not all nominees attended but those that were there were able to ask questions about serving on the Pastoral Council. The nominees asked good questions and seemed interested in pursuing a position on the Council. Next week will be the discernment for the nominees. We are looking for the nominees to fill three 3-year terms and one 2-year fill-in term. Kris Raeder will be joining the Finance Council so one person is needed to finish the two years of her term.
- Update on Parish Trustee Nomination/Election – Sandy/Fr. Schmeckel
There were no other nominations up to this point. If no one else comes forward, then no election is needed and Terry Rotter will serve another 2-year term.
- Feast of the Most Holy Trinity on Sunday, June 4 – Update - Ruth Paul
Plans have been made for the event. The plans are less formal than it has been in the past. Archbishop ListECKI will be presiding. There will not be a processional. There will be sandwiches, chips and cupcakes following Mass. Tables and chairs will be set up outside for people to gather and socialize after Mass.
- Parish Picnic on August 20, 2023 – Update – Kelly Jens
The entertainment has been finalized and will include Hannah Rose Reyes duo. Many other plans have been set. Save the date notices will be going into the bulletin and on the PowerPoint slides before Mass for the next few weekends. A full-page flyer with specific information will be shared beginning in July.
- Slideshow Guidelines for Parish Committees – Deb Hasler
A guideline was printed for council member liaisons to give to their committees. The PowerPoint slides should be utilized to promote any upcoming events for the committees. Fr. Schmeckel will discuss with Mitchell about who should approve the slides. Depending on their decision, a change may be made to the guideline sheet.
- Mass Schedule Evaluation and Ideas – Fr. Schmeckel
Fr. Schmeckel informed Pastoral Council members that there will be a change to the Saturday evening Mass schedule beginning July 1. There will only be one Saturday evening Mass between the two parishes. The Mass will be offered at 4:00 PM at Blessed Trinity on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of each month and 4:00 PM at Saint John Evangelist on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of

each month. Fr. Schmeckel will be sharing the change and rationale for the change with parishioners soon.

- Preschool – Update – Fr. Schmeckel

A preschool option at Blessed Trinity will be explored over the next number of months. There is a new Superintendent of Schools at the Archdiocese and he will be contacted to figure out the requirements and all necessary information.

New Business:

- Continuation of/Adjustments to Social Saturdays/Sundays – Deb Hasler
The Council decided to put a hold on Social Saturdays/Sundays. This will be revisited later to see if it is something we want to continue.
- Thoughts from Parishioners – Deb Hasler
 - Altar decorations – There has been some concern that there are not many decorations, plants, or flowers near the altar. Could more items be added? Fr. Schmeckel said that more items could be added but he would rather not have anything in front of the altar so he can walk freely around the altar.
 - Bells – Blessed Trinity's bells were fixed and now ring on the hour from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and 5 minutes before Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- Joint Council Meeting at SJE in June – Fr. Schmeckel
Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be at St. John Evangelist in June. The date will probably be Wednesday, June 28. Fr. Schmeckel will confirm this with the SJE Council and will let us know. We gave a few ideas of items that can be added to the agenda for the meeting.

Administrator's Report – Fr. Schmeckel

Nothing else to report at this time.

Prayer Intentions and Closing Prayer – Fr. Schmeckel

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

- Important Dates:
 - Next Pastoral Council Meeting: June 28, 2023 Joint Meeting with SJE (date to be confirmed)
 - Adult Pastoral Council Discernment: May 31
 - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: Sunday, June 4
 - Trustee Election Weekend (if needed): June 10 & 11
 - Meet & Greet Schedule: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA4A72BA3F94-meet>