

**Blessed Trinity
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2023 7:30 PM Blessed Trinity Church Hall**

Blessed Trinity Council Members Present: Deb Hasler, Terry Rotter, Kelly Jens, Sarah Schueffner, Jim Klich, Sandy Jordan, Chris Audino, Scott Birenbaum, Mary Jo Schultz, Sam Steckbauer, Tim Woodworth, Mason Klahn and Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel

Call to Order: Tim Woodworth

Committee Reports

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

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

Old Business:

- Pastoral Council Retreat/Called & Gifted Workshop – Fr. Schmeckel
February 16, 2024 works for most Council members. We will proceed with the retreat on this day.
- Advent Book Distribution
Books will be handed out after Masses this coming weekend. For the next few weeks, the books will be featured during the Meet and Greet before Mass. The greeter will be highlighting the reflection portion of the book.
- Life Fair Request
Deb will contact Mary Jo Widder with a few of the questions that the Pastoral Councils had at the Joint PC meeting. The fair will be discussed at the next joint council meeting.

New Business:

- Parish and/or Council goals for next year – Tim Woodworth
Possible goals were discussed for the coming year. The goals that are chosen could fall under a few different categories: Pastoral planning, like promoting the upcoming Tuesday night Masses, bringing back the socials after Masses, and other needs of our parishioners; Succession planning, like looking ahead to staffing changes; Parish Vision; and Reviewing the operations and building use. Goals will be considered that will help move our parish forward.
- Thoughts from Parishioners – Tim Woodworth
 - Father always serves Communion from the center aisle. Can he serve Communion from other aisles? – Father is willing to serve from other aisles. People are also invited to sit in the middle sections in order to receive Communion from him, or walk down the middle aisle during Communion time.
 - Can the double doors in the back of church be closed before Mass to help eliminate the noise coming from the back of church? – We understand that the noise of people conversing can be distracting and the echoing from the baptistry can be an issue. We will look into a few options of ways to remedy this problem.
 - Could the words to Our Father be listed on the power point so children can read along? – We felt this is a great idea and will have it incorporated in the power point slides.

Administrator's Report – Fr. Schmeckel

- Nothing new to add

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Bring a holiday treat to the next meeting

Prayer Intentions and Closing Prayer – Fr. Schmeckel

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

- Important Dates:

January 25 – Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 28 – Joint Council Meeting at Saint John Evangelist

March 16 – Blessed Trinity Trivia Night

Meet & Greet Schedule: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA4A72BA3F94-meet>