

## Approved - Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – May 20, 2024, 7:30 PM

Present: Randy Nardinger, Taylor Dowden, Pam Harmon, Steve Welscher, Henry Keller, Chris O'Reilly, Father McCabe

- I. Meeting called to order by Steve Welscher at 7:30. Opening Prayer by Father McCabe.
- II. Minutes of last meeting, March 2024 were read. Motion to approve by Steve Welscher. Seconded by Chris O'Reilly. Motion carried. Place in Sunday bulletin.
- III. Henry Keller submitted his letter of resignation from the Parish Pastoral Council.
- IV. New Parish Council Member, Pam Harmon was welcomed.
- V. Holy Trinity Parish—Pastor updates
  - A. Parish Pastoral Council Constitution and By Laws still need to be reviewed by the Archdiocese. The document was reviewed, and a motion accepted from Steve Welscher to amend the Bylaws, Article 1, to read: *The Parish Pastoral Council shall be composed of nine (9) members; three (3) St. Mary's, three (3) St. Columbkil and three (3) Holy Trinity parishioners. Members who serve three-year terms with the possibility of two (2) additional consecutive terms. Former Parish Pastoral Council members are eligible for reappointment after a single term off the Council.* Motion to approve by Chris O'Reilly and seconded by Taylor Dowden. Motion carried to recommend changes to Father McCabe to be submitted to Archdiocese.
  - B. Members on the Pastoral Council were asked to share parishioner names with Father McCabe for consideration to ensure the 3-3-3 council representation.
  - C. "Synod" is a Greek word that means walking together on the same path; *syn* = same *odo* = path. Our three goals are:
    - i. Grow a vibrant Youth/Family Ministry program.
      1. Knights of Columbus raised money for our youth programs, approximately \$350.00
      2. Seven students are interested in 'Extreme Faith Camp in the new St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Retreat Cetner/Trinity Woods, in Trego, Wisconsin.
    - ii. Continue to build community life between our three churches.
      1. Parish picnic is planned for Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, and 7:00 p.m. reception at Bellechester Community Center. A recommendation was made for recognition of past parish council members and karaoke.
    - iii. Reclaim Sundays for faith and family.
  - D. We have 8 Synod Parish Evangelizations Cell (PECS) smallgroups meeting weekly. Executive Team Committee members Eric Ryan - Chair, Micayla Ryan - Secretary and Jeremy Keller – Prayer Coordinator, are happy with the response, but hope that we can continue after the Easter Season.
    - a. Starting July 2024, the Year II plan will begin to be implemented which will focus on building up existing Small Groups and focusing on the Mass with an emphasis on hospitality before and after Mass, learning more deeply about the Mass, and seeing Sundays as a time to relish the "fire of the Holy Spirit."
  - E. Holy Trinity projects:
    - a. Community room carpet: Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, America's Best Carpet Cleaning Company will clean the Community Room and hallway, 8:30-4:00 p.m.
    - b. New microphone for singers in balcony to replace the wireless mic. Some parishioners have donated money to replace the faulty system, and other parishioners have come

forward to offer their financial assistance. Father McCabe has been in contact with one company that wants more time for assistance.

- c. The air conditioning unit needs to be serviced.
- d. The shed will be re-shingled by Calvin Peterson soon.
- e. The flat roof leak issues need clarification on who is looking into resolution. Ann Buck sending this to Father McCabe.

F. St. Columbkil projects:

- a. Light shining into the basement from outside suggests a hole in the foundation and Bruce McNamara has investigated it. He will propose a solution.
- b. Three ash trees have died. Father McCabe has not yet contacted Huemann Tree Removal.

G. St. Mary projects:

- a. St. Mary has completed repairing the three small flat roofs to become inclined, metal roofs and reinforced the flashing on east and west sides. No leaks since then.
- b. Father McCabe is waiting for insurance certification for proposed work on kitchen drawers.

VI. Liturgy update – Father McCabe

A. Four new altar servers were trained with Diane Ryan’s help and two are ready to serve.

VII. Catholic Young Adult group meets generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for a potluck, presentation or activity, and ends with devotions. March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day was a video and an Irish meal with 8 in attendance. April 28<sup>th</sup> – (this was the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday due to conflict) newly Confirmed Catholic from Lutheran tradition gave his testimony about how he embraced the fullness of the Catholic faith. Nine people were in attendance. May 19<sup>th</sup> – only 4 attended volleyball, picnic and rosary due to weather concerns. Picnic and rosary were prayed and then watched the Timberwolves game.

VIII. Youth and Family Ministry committee (This was not discussed/not covered.)

IX. Financial update – Randy Nardinger, liaison to Parish Finance Council, gave update.

X. Other old business: No other items discussed.

XI. New business:

- A. The Finance Council has given Father McCabe the green light to hire a new custodial/maintenance person to replace Brett Hayward and to cut Holy Trinity’s lawn since the volunteer has resigned from doing it. The other churches have contracted lawn care. One person accepted the position but resigned after discussing with their spouse. Another adult who fits the job description is interested, please pray.
- B. A Parish wide garage sale was held during the Goodhue Chamber of Commerce citywide sales. The Holy Trinity Parish garage sale included a bake sale and a food stand. Special thanks to Eva Diercks for her leadership, to Sue Diercks for managing the financial details and to the many Open Hearts prayer group and parishioners that donated time, talents and donations. Proceeds will benefit our parish youth programs. The motion was made by Chris O’Reilly and seconded by Henry Keller to have \$250.00 scholarships per student attending the Extreme Faith Camp. Discussion followed. All voted in favor and the motion passed to recommend to Fr. McCabe.

XII. Next meeting date: Monday, July 15, 2024, at 7:30 PM at Holy Trinity Church. Additional tentative meeting dates for 2024 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month are: Sept. 16 and Nov.18.

XIII. Closing Prayer

XIV. Motion to adjourn by Henry Keller and seconded by Chris O’Reilly.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Harmon.