

Approved Minutes

Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – March 18, 2024, 7:30 PM

Present: Randy Nardinger, Mary Jo O'Reilly, Mary Haggerty, Ken Haggerty, Steve Welscher, Henry Keller, Chris O'Reilly, Fr. McCabe

- I. Meeting called to order by Steve Welscher at 7:30PM. Opening Prayer by Father.
- II. Minutes of last meeting (November 2023), were read. Motion to approve by Chris. Seconded by Randy. (Place in Sunday bulletin.)
- III. Welcome of new Parish Council Member Taylor Dowden. He also represents Holy Trinity Parish at Archbishop's Pastoral Council.
- IV. Holy Trinity Parish—Pastor updates
 - A. Parish Pastoral Council Constitution and By Laws still need to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.
 - B. "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.
 - ii. Continue to build community life between our three churches.
 - iii. Reclaim Sundays for faith and family.
 - C. 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.
 - D. Holy Trinity projects:
 - a. Community room carpet: The company that was recommended never replied back to Sara McNamara after months of trying to connect with them. Fr. McCabe is exploring two other companies to clean the carpet.
 - b. New microphone for singers in balcony to replace the wireless mic. Some parishioners have donated money to replace faulty system, and other parishioners have come forward to offer their financial assistance. Fr. McCabe needs to wait until after Easter to move on this project.
 - c. A/C unit needs to be serviced. Fr. McCabe needs to wait until after Easter.
 - E. St. Columbkil projects:
 - a. Light shining in the basement from outside suggests a hole in the foundation and Bruce McNamara has looked into it. When spring comes he will look into more closely and may find it needs only caulking.
 - F. St. Mary projects:
 - a. St. Mary has completed piping work at cemetery. Contracts for 3 small flat roofs to become inclined roofs, but John Huneke is in communication and will have insurance and license information from contractor.
 - b. Fr. McCabe's apartment rectory has new flooring and a new shower. He thanks all the volunteers who helped him move out and move back in, and those volunteers who helped with the projects.
- V. Liturgy update – Fr. McCabe
 - A. Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry was reviewed and five new EE Ministers were trained.
 - B. Three new lectors were trained with the help of Karen Albers.
 - C. Three new altar servers were trained with Diane Ryan's help.
- VI. Faith Formation Update – See attachment
- VII. Catholic Young Adult group meets generally on the 3rd Sunday of the month for a potluck, presentation or activity, and ends devotions: Dec. 17 - Christmas caroling reached about 30

people with stops at Goodhue Apartments where catechumens Fred Graack, a paraplegic, and Wilma and Laural Seither reside; Goodhue Senior Living; and many homes along the way. Jan. 21 – Pro-life presentation and 1 hour of prayer and adoration, with some other parishioners joining us for prayer. Feb. was dedicated to helping with Mardi Gras which was a success and netted about \$2,900.00.

- VIII. Youth and Family Ministry committee members organized Mardi Gras, which although competed with the Super Bowl, still was successful. 10% of proceeds will go to First Choice pro-life clinic.
 - IX. Financial update – Randy Nardinger, liaison to Parish Finance Council, will give update.
 - X. Other old business: Fr. McCabe was able to work with Brandon Schafer with regard to thermostat settings at Holy Trinity Church. The internet at St. Columbkil was paid for by Fr. McCabe and is being used by his Parish Evangelization Cell small group.
 - XI. New business: Finance Council has given Fr. McCabe green light to hire a new custodial/maintenance person to replace Brett Hayward, and to cut HT lawn since volunteer doing that has resigned. The other churches have contracts for lawn care.
 - XII. St. Columbkil organized the Holy Trinity Parish Picnic in conjunction with Fr. McCabe's installation by Archbishop Hebda. It was a wonderful event and the bishop and Fr. McCabe's parents and friends were impressed. St. Mary Church, Bellechester, is scheduled to host the Parish Picnic. I suggest that we host it on Wednesday, August 14, PM after or before Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Mary, or Thursday, August 15 after or before the Solemn Mass of the Assumption of Mary. Ellen Huneke is looking at helping to organize it, whether it is on those days or not.
 - XIII. Next meeting date: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Holy Trinity Church. Additional tentative meeting dates for 2024 on the 3rd Monday of the month are: July 15, September 16 and November 18.
 - XIV. Closing Prayer
 - XV. Motion to adjourn by Chris. Seconded by Taylor.
- Respectfully submitted by Henry Keller, transcribed by Maria Schultz