

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21st 2025

6:30 pm Holy Trinity Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. Matt Wetsel, Jamin Clemente, Ann Simonson, Pam Bray, Julie Popp, David Connelly, Mike Shrader, Sal Giarizzo, Gary McCoy

- i. Opening Prayer (Fr. Matt)
- ii. Review of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 19th)
 - a. Mike Long made the motion to approve, Pam Bray 2nd, all in favor to approve.
- iii. New Business:
 - a. E-Giving Update for Holy Trinity (Fr. Matt)
 - a. Holy Spirit has been using Our Sunday Visitor the last 14 years, they do not have to switch to this Vanco E-giving platform, this is just for Holy Trinity. Can make a donation to the general fund, or the youth Ministry Program. This is similar to VENMO but, not quite, and can be used for dinners and basket raffles in the future.
 - b. This launched last month, Father Matt hosted an information session and no one showed up. Two people are giving on line, Father Matt is one of them.
 - c. He can make more of these flyers and pass them out if needed
 - d. there is no monthly maintenance fee and no pressure to get a number of users.
 - e. Not a sense of frustration yet, will take time.
 - b. Email newsletter from Pastor vs. Hallow subscription (Fr. Matt)
 - a. wanted ways to increase communication

- i. he spoke with Rabbi Schermerhorn and she emails her Jewish Congregation. Father Matt will try this, he can't guarantee it'll be same time every week, or even every week but, his goal is to increase communication.
 - b. There is a Hallow free version, Parishes can have a "teams Subscription" - can join challenges and share bible quotes and engage with Parishioners digitally.
 - c. Father Matt met with a Rep with Hallow, it's \$5k a year, drops to \$4k a year if you commit to two years. It's expensive, Father Matt doesn't feel it's worth it to go beg to Helpers Store at this point.
 - d. With Hallow, you can send notes from a Priest.
 - e. Ann suggested Instagram and Facebook to engage the younger generation as well
 - c. Updated Pictures for Online Pastoral Council Directory
 - a. taken in front of the altar after the meeting
 - i. Pam had a black eye, didn't take her photo, and neither did Ann Simsonson.
- iv. Round Robin
 - a. Jamin - Not much now that Youth Ministry is over.
 - i. Hallway project is just about complete, the red carpet is gone, the new carpet is in, kitchen got a new floor, Adam will fix the stairs.
 - b. Mike S. - from a music stand point - confirmation was great. Great turnout and a wonderful mass.
 - c. Julie P. - wants to bring the parking during Faith Formation drop off Sunday morning - parents are cutting through parking spaces, she cringes and fears for children's safety. Also folks coming in for the 11:30 mass.
 - d. David C. - nothing to report
 - e. Gary M - Concordia is booked for the Parish Picnic, Sept. 7th. Membership for the Men's club is fading, haven't met in a while,

thinking of ways to amp up membership. Just wondering if the order is in for the new sink. Father Matt is going to follow up with Mike.

- f. Side note - Adam has had surgery - will be out for a while, glaucoma for his eyes. The question was asked if any help is needed for filling in at Holy Spirit, Phil Warner, the cemetery grounds guy is going to help.
- g. Sal G - glad to be here, nothing to report
- h. Mike L - Nothing to report
- i. Pam B - Friday's Table is going strong, still getting donations, making 100-125 meals a week. She put in for a grant with St. Mary's - the freezer is slowly dying.
- j. Ann S - Confirmation - parents raved about how wonderful it was. Breakaway - 25 local kids from the 4 parishes, still doing lots of fundraising, NCYC is next up for November, 6 kids interested so far. With fundraising, trying not to tap into the same businesses, keeping a separate list, The gift card calendar, going to try and do another one, gift card bingo is also on the docket. Graduation Mass is June 15th 9 and 11:30 . Baccalaureate is on for GHS at Holy Spirit June 11th

Although you may not see the showing in mass that you all would hope, they are evangelizing, they are sharing their faith, Bible Versus, Music, IG posts - and parents and teachers and even superintendents are noticing.

v. Closing Prayer (Fr. Matt)

vi. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 17th 2025, 6:30 pm,
Holy Spirit Hall

meeting adjourned at 7:15, went to church to take photos.