

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

In attendance: Rich Nigro, Rich Crane, David Connolly, Gary McCoy, Michael Long (chairperson), Angela Veeder, Mia Franko, Fr. Matt Wetsel

- i. Fr. Matt opened the meeting at 6:37 pm with prayer.
- ii. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Michael Long and Gary McCoy seconded. All were in favor. The people rejoiced.
- iii. Fr. Matt introduced the new members (Angela Veeder and Mia Franko) to the council. Angela is a representative from Holy Spirit and Mia is a representative from Holy Trinity.
- iv. Old Business:
  - a. Fun Fest: The consensus is that both parish communities thought that this was a great event. There were suggestions to move the music “band stand” closer to the people.
  - b. Linked Parish Picnic: The Sisters of the Holy Spirit and the Rosary Society helped the Linked Parish Men’s Group to launch the picnic. Notes were taken to help future planning, including updated sign up sheets that encourage parishioners to bring a covered dish to share. The live music that was planned was changed because the mother of one of the musicians had just passed away.

v. New Business:

a. October Meeting – Photo Shoot for Church Websites

All members of the council are encouraged to wear presentable clothes (upscale casual is fine) for the photo shoot that will take place during the next meeting (Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit in the second floor upper meeting room of the office building). The photos will be placed on the respective websites for Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit as part of an effort to better advertise the pastoral council's meetings and members to the community

b. Round Table Discussion:

-It is good that the parishes are having community events again. The events are opportunities to model Christian behavior for others in a non-church setting.

-We are hoping to have a big turn-out for the upcoming Eucharistic Chapel retreat (Fri, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)

-Looking forward to the Community Fun Fest Planning Meeting to plan the 2023 Fun Fest (note: that meeting will take place on Weds, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, 6:30 pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall)

-We should have a Greeters Ministry at both parishes. There are tentative plans to launch this ministry with an emphasis on having the parish faith formation families involved.

- The linked parish men's group has resurrected some past events including Tuesday evening dinners. The next dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> starting with social hour at 5 pm. There will also be a Christmas-themed dinner and concert in the Holy Spirit Hall on Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> that Ron Zimmerman will chair.

The men's group has been generous with making donations to Mother Theresa's Closet and other charitable causes.

-Mia and Angela both shared how they would like to be able to help broaden the “signal” or “reach” of the council and the parish events to families and community members who may not be currently receiving bulletins or hearing announcements at Mass due to infrequent attendance. There are a number of ways that the parish can improve its digital outreach (websites, apps, etc). There are other ways to increase communication via email as well as via US Postal Mail. We want to be able to serve our parishioners who are more comfortable with “paper mail” as well as our families that may not be in the loop as much as they could be.

- vi. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Upper Room.
- vii. Fr. Matt closed the meeting at 7:45 pm with prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Fr. Matt Wetsel