

Holy Trinity Church Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes June 14, 2017

In attendance: Linda Arnold, Cecilia Boudreau, Diane Oakley, Margaret Miller, Ellen Toups, Kirk Willison, Patrick Browne (by phone), Fr. Bill Kelley (on behalf of Fr. Kevin Gillespie)

Not present: Fr. Kevin Gillespie, Richard Podulka, Vincent Dennis, Jim Thessin,  
Guests: Paula McCabe, Chris Hannigan

Cecilia led the opening prayer.

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Kirk began his President's Report by thanking the Class of 2017 for their service on the Council: Richard Podulka, Vincent Dennis, Diane Oakley, Patrick Browne, and Kirk Willison. He shared his thanks to Fr. Gillespie for keeping the promise of co-laboring, that he values input, is open to innovations, and is seeking better engagement at the parish. Kirk was thankful for the courage to move forward with the PAR and the new mission statement and for the groundwork that was laid for better understanding between the Council and parish staff and clergy. Kirk also thanked the Election Committee (Margaret Miller, Ellen Toups, and Diane Oakley). He looked ahead to the upcoming parish celebrations - the HTS Bicentennial and the parish's 225th anniversary.

Fr. Kelley gave the Pastor's Report in the absence of Fr. Gillespie who was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group of parishioners. Fr. Kelley highlighted the end of the school year and parish picnic and previewed some summer facility work on the parish campus.

The Council approved for a second and final time the changes to the PPC Constitution and By-laws that were approved for a first time at the May 17, 2017 meeting.

The Election Committee reported that the number of candidates for election to the Council was the same as the number of new members sought. The candidates for the Council were: Kenny Kraft, Carlos Salinas, Chris Hannigan, and Kathleen and Kevin Coogan. Kathleen and Kevin Coogan are a married couple who have asked to share and fulfill jointly in the duties of one Council member. The Council discussed and decided to approve the election by a vote of the Council rather than have the parish hold a ballot-based election for an ultimately uncontested election. A motion to elect these five persons for the four positions was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council considered some of the actions to take in the next year. They recognized a need to better define committee liaison roles and what commitment

that part of the duties of a Council member entails. The Council will start off the 2017-2018 year with a leadership retreat and orientation that includes a review of the past year.

The following committee reports were made:

Diane provided a report on the Development Committee. The committee had issues with ParishSoft, is moving toward the use of the term "Stewardship" not just "Development" and the pledge is ahead of where we were last year. Margaret (HTS liaison) reported that graduation went well and the school is fully enrolled for next year. Ellen reports that Social Justice reflected on its past year's desolations and consolation: the PAR affected goals; consolations included the tithe working groups, Hill visits by the advocacy group, and accompanying the Cheiko family.

Linda reported that the Worship Committee is making good progress towards its goal of having new participants in the lector and music ministries. Bryan Walsh will serve as the 2017-2018 committee chair. Linda also gave a report for Education on behalf of Jim, also on the pilgrimage with Fr. Gillespie, that they are making good progress towards their goal of a repeatable Adult Faith Formation program. Like the Development Committee, they experienced issues with ParishSoft for RE registration. The Education Committee is looking into higher visibility for the Child Protection program so that more parishioners are aware of what measures are to be expected in the parish. Patrick shared that the Communications committee has discussed what actions they should take to further promote the mission statement in the parish.

Ellen led closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval at the September 20, 2017 meeting.