

Holy Trinity Church Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes May 17, 2017

In attendance: Linda Arnold, Jim Thessin, Cecilia Boudreau, Diane Oakley, Margaret Miller, Ellen Toups, Christopher Hale, Vincent Dennis, Father Kevin Gillespie,
Not present: Kirk Willison, Richard Podulka, Patrick Browne
Guests: Paula McCabe, Kenny Kraft, Carlos Salinas, Chris Hannigan

Jim led the opening prayer.

We welcomed the interested candidates to the meeting and went around the room with introductions. Margaret gave a brief overview of the upcoming Council election and then opened the discussion to questions. The three interested candidates in attendance asked about the role of the Council in the parish, how communications with committees are handled and what Council members found rewarding about Council service.

The April meeting minutes were approved, with a few noted edits.

Cecilia gave the PPC President's report in Kirk's absence. She reported on attending the young adult listening session in which those in their 20s and 30s shared that what they most look for in parish is a sense of community and an opportunity to grow in their faith.

Fr. Gillespie gave his report and noted that about 200 first Communion had taken place last weekend. Fr. Campbell has been ill but is recovering. A committee to plan events for the HTS Bicentennial in 2018 and the parish 225th anniversary in 2019 is being formed. During summer 2019, the main Church will undergo some repairs, but not a large scale renovation. The convent has been sold, the proceeds of which will help pay for the repairs. The backyard of the rectory is currently experiencing a problem with rats. The Power of One day of service on the first Saturday in May encompassed 23-24 sites and about 225 parishioners. Fr. Gillespie commented on the young adult listening session. He also reported that he has been invited by Notre Dame to attend a session in June in Chicago with other pastors of active young adult groups to discuss outreach to millennials. The columbarium project has not made notable progress in the past month.

Margaret gave an update from the Election Committee. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 22, with voting scheduled for May 27-June 12. Ways of getting more parishioners to participate through voting in the pews and at the Parish Picnic were discussed, as well as the need for Council members to volunteer to execute such plans.

The Council approved the proposed changes to the PPC Constitution and By-laws with certain edits as agreed during the meeting: agenda and minutes for approval to

be circulated five days prior to the meeting, some formatting changes, clarifying that qualities of an effective Council member (originally drafted in April 2015) are suggested/recommended, but not required prior to service on the Council.

The Council discussed how it would be better to follow up with committees on the status of their priority goals for 2016-2017 and new goals for 2017-2018 in September, as many committees are already wrapping up their work before the summer and any new goals must be put forth by the committee installed for that year.

Linda provided a report on recent discussions by the Worship Committee, and Diane reported on the Development committee.

Diane led closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved at the June 14, 2017 meeting.