

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
March 21, 2018
PPC Meeting Minutes

Present: Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, SJ, Pastor; Cecilia Boudreau, President, PPC; Ellen Toups, Vice President, PPC; Linda Arnold, PPC; Kathleen and Kevin Coogan, PPC; Christopher Hale, PPC; Chris Hannigan, PPC; Kenny Kraft, PPC; Paul Maco, PPC; Carlos Salinas, PPC; Jim Thessin, PPC; Kirk Willison, PPC; and Ashley Klick, 200/225 Committee.

NOTE: Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Holy Trinity School were closed for inclement weather on March 21, 2018, so the PPC conducted this meeting by conference call.

PPC President Cecilia Boudreau called the meeting to order.

Cecilia Boudreau led the meeting in an opening prayer.

Kirk Willison moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018, PPC meeting, as written. Ellen Toups seconded the motion. The PPC approved the minutes by unanimous consent.

Fr. Kevin Gillespie and Ashley Klick reported on the work of the ad hoc committee planning celebrations of Holy Trinity School's (HTS) 200th anniversary and Holy Trinity Catholic Church's 225th anniversary. The 200/225 Committee has proposed transforming the school's largest annual fundraiser, a dinner with silent and live auctions, into a parish-wide gala that would bridge the consecutive anniversary years. In its current form, the dinner and auction raise about \$100,000 in profits, partially funding Gavigan scholarships for low-income HTS students. To broaden appeal among parishioners, the early concept for this Fall 2018 event includes lowering ticket prices, moving the event from Trinity Hall to a venue off campus, likely the French Embassy, and offering further discounted prices to volunteers and/or younger parishioners. HTS leadership and the HTS Advisory Committee have expressed support for this proposal, so the 200/225 Committee came to the PPC for guidance.

Several PPC members, including Ellen Toups, expressed parishioner interest in this type of gala and noted that Holy Trinity is anomalous large parishes in not hosting such an event. PPC members also discussed the importance of refining the concept and splitting revenue in an accordance with that concept; examples included a "Jesus Education" night, with profits split among HTS, Ignatian Spirituality, and/or schools like the San Miguel School. Kenny Kraft noted that a broader pool of recipient ministries may broaden parishioner interest. Chris Hannigan supported insulating HTS against possible losses by dedicating the first \$100,000 in profits for the school before

dispersing to other ministries. With general support from the PPC, Fr. Gillespie agreed to take this guidance back to the ad hoc committee.

Cecilia and Ellen sought the PPC's inputs on both the concept and format of the upcoming Parish Leadership Night in April. All parties agreed to discard with the oral committee reports given at October's Parish Leadership Night. Linda Arnold said we should ask parishioners for their vision of the parish in five or ten years. Carlos Salinas proposed structuring the event around the two questions on which we have been called to discern: whom are we called to serve, and how are we called to serve them? Carlos also proposed deriving prompts and questions from the action words in our mission statement. Fr. Gillespie counseled that resource constraints, especially facility constraints, force some level of prioritization among those activities the parish can and cannot continue. Cecilia and Ellen agreed to take back all inputs in preparation for the April meeting.

Chris Hannigan and Kevin Coogan reported on preparations for the 2018 PPC elections. Chris outlined the election schedule, with applications open from May 13-27, and balloting from June 2-11. Kevin described an expanded recruitment plan, including PPC representation at Welcome Sundays, mass announcements, and personal recruitment. Fr. Gillespie asked Kevin and Chris to develop a plan to market to those who attend weekday masses. After some discussion of whether the number of seats up for election could be expanded to include one vacancy and appointed members whose appointments will expire, Cecilia and the PPC concluded that the bylaws specifically prescribed electing four members.

Due to the inclement weather, the Education Committee did not present. Rock Schuler and the Stewardship and Development Committee Chair had previously indicated that they were not available and presented the committee's report in written form.

Fr. Gillespie delivered an abbreviated pastor's report.

- He recommended that all parish leaders read Cardinal Wuerl's "Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family," a pastoral plan for implementing *Amoris Laetitia*.
- The Georgetown University-Holy Trinity agreement for construction of a columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery will go to the archdiocese for approval in May.
- Work on the rectory garden, including removal of current plantings, will begin in April.
- Many HTS parents and students planned to support the March for Our Lives on March 24.
- "Faith and the Faithful in US Politics" was rescheduled to March 26.

Kathleen Coogan offered the closing prayer.

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