

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY
PASTORAL COUNCIL ~ MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2021
6:00 PM @ ST. MM**



Attendees: Fr. Michael Merritt, Eileen Bielemeier, Kathy DeMass, Dan Durocher, Cathy Immerman, Mary Krehling, Rosemary Seymour, Marie Smith

Absent: Karen Kaindl, Paul Statskey

Meeting called to order: 6:01 PM

Opening Prayer: Pastoral Council Prayers and Faith Sharing led by Rosemary

November Meeting

- Draft minutes submitted via email on November 26, 2021, by Marie Smith, with request for adds, changes, deletes by end of day on December 1, 2021.
- Motion to accept the minutes by Paul Statskey, seconded by Rosemary Seymour on December 3, 2021.
- Emailed to the Council, Kathy Schrader, Mary Capone and Bev Dulmage on December 3, 2021.
- Posted to CCBT website on December 3, 2021.

Agenda Review (Adds, Changes, Deletes)

- Possible mold at St. Thomas

Old Business

2022 CCBT Parish Picnic

- Mary contacted Kathy Schrader to reserve the date. She will get back to Mary when the reservation has been finalized.
- Tentative date is Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 1:00-3 or 3:30, followed by Mass at 4. Start time needs to be finalized. In the past picnics started at noon.
- Dan volunteered to be the lead and Mary along with many others have offered to help. Responsibilities of being the lead person were discussed. Dan will write A Save the Date for the bulletin once the date has been secured.

2021/2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal

- As of Tuesday, December 14, 53 parishioners have pledged \$13,055, which is 84.19% of our goal. We are #22 of 86 Parishes in the diocese. Thermometers will be updated.
- Fr. Mike will give a current update of progress, thank parishioners for their donations, and encourage participation at any level. Kathy will write a bulletin update.

Current Parish Directory of Active Parishioners

- Marie contacted Kathy Schrader to follow up on the lists of deceased brought to the office last month. There is a training on Parish Soft in January and Kathy will address the lists with the person from Rochester who is doing the training. Moving forward with this will be put on hold until after this meeting.
- Once Parish Soft is updated the goal remains to divide the list among council members to make phone calls to those who are inactive, determining if they are still members of the parish and invite them back.

Where People Are Right Now? Pastoral/Parish Ministries

- CASE Training
 - A few need to complete the training but those who are serving in a ministry have been trained.
- Ministry Shortfalls
 - Rosemary submitted a bulletin blurb to recruit primarily Lectors and Sacristans but also mentioned the need for people to lead the Rosary or join the Chimes Choir. CASE training is required.
 - Suggestions for sourcing ministers since we are not ready for a Ministry Fair.
 - A personal plea from the pulpit, from someone who serves, would be effective to get people thinking about serving.
 - Dan suggested having information on ministries available at the Parish picnic. Flyers can be handed out and posters can be put up.
 - Eileen suggested a personal approach by asking people directly if they are interested and willing to serve.

Parish Life Event Ministry

- We need someone to lead a Parish Life Ministry. The group would be responsible for planning Parish events.
- Our current goal is to plan an event for Lent (a program such as a Bible Study, video series, etc.). There should be money in the budget to have a speaker/program/retreat, but it may be too late to find someone/something. Perhaps there is someone local who could do a presentation. Dan suggested meeting on Saturdays for a Lenten Program so Parishioners do not have to go out at night.
- Pastoral Council will meet on Saturday, January 15, at St. Mary Magdalene at 10:00 a.m. to plan something in our Parish for Lent. We will bring store bought refreshments. Cathy will take care of the coffee. Bring a friend who may be interested in helping and bring any ideas you may have.

Operating Deficit/Future Planning/Planning Committee/Merger Plan

- Fr. Mike reported the committee should be starting sometime in the New Year. There are no definitive dates currently. By the next meeting we should determine what two Pastoral Council members will serve on the committee. Until there are solid details on what the commitment would entail (number of meetings, meeting location, meeting time, etc.) it is difficult to make a commitment. Father hopes to bring back more information at the January meeting. Continue to think/pray about being a part of this committee.

“Here for You” Transportation Program

- Father Mike talked to Deacon Kiley briefly but has no current update. If his leave of absence ends this month the plan is to have him talk to the Council in the next month or so. If he doesn't come back Father will get the information from him and relay what he knows.
- The van has been used in Newark on Sundays to transport people to Mass in Lyons since the Newark church has been closed. This is the last week the van will be used for this purpose. The van can be used for Parish Life Ministry events. They are not wheelchair accessible. The van seats 8 and there are two vans for the county. Our cluster has one van but the other can be used if we have an event and we need it. Contact the Parish Office if interested in using the van for a Parish related reason.

Liturgy Committee

- Chime Choir Update
 - 50% of the original members are interested. Something will go in the December 26 bulletin asking for others who may be interested. Ask people directly. We need 10 people and currently have 5 or 6.

- Christmas Music at St. Thomas
 - There are no musicians available for live music at St. Thomas. There are CD's that were put together a few years ago by Mary Durocher but the location of the CD's is unknown. Nancy and John Bryan said they could make a CD of Christmas music. There is a need to have a device to play the music on.

New Business

CCBT/SJW Bulletin

- Bryan is stepping down as the Bulletin Editor effective in February. JoJo will be the new Bulletin Editor. Eventually the bulletin will be merged to include Newark. The publisher will help with the design of merging three bulletins into one. This will not be introduced until early 2023.
- There will also be a merge of the websites and Facebook pages. This will be worked on in the New Year.

Possible Mold at St. Thomas

- There is visible white growth in many places coming from under the carpeted floor tiles. Report it directly to Buildings and Grounds. Paul looked at it. Father will contact Kip to see if he has anything to report about it.

Closing Prayer: Pastoral Council Prayers and Faith Sharing led by Rosemary

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 PM

Next meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Draft Minutes Submitted: Via email on January 2, 2022, by Marie Smith, with request for adds, changes, deletes by end of day on January 8, 2022.

Minutes Approved: Motion to accept the minutes by Mary Krehling, seconded by Rosemary Seymour, on January 9, 2022.

Approved Minutes: Respectfully submitted on January 9, 2022. Minutes were posted to the CCBT website on January 9, 2022.

Future Meetings: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16