

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MINUTES

Present: Fr. Michael Merritt, Kathy DeMass, Eileen Bielemeier, Jill Lee, Karen Kaindl, Paul Statskey, Cathy Immerman

Absent: Mary Krehling, Dan Durocher, Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. with opening prayer led by Karen Kaindl.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE MERGER

Last meeting was Feb. 9th. Karen Kaindl had a compilation of survey results; due to time constraints they were only briefly discussed: Clustering challenges if we go to one church, how to coordinate Mass times, attendance, finances, etc., how to co-exist and intermingle as we are separated distance-wise, etc.

NO DECISIONS made yet. However, a decision WAS made to plan a "Town Meeting" on Monday evening, March 13th for CCBT parishioners at SMM. The invitation will be announced over the next few weeks.

2. LENT

Fr. Merritt has planned presentations OT/NT on the following dates: March 7th in Clyde, March 13th in Newark, March 21st in Wolcott, March 27th in Newark at 6:30 pm. (The time may be changed for SMM as Holy Hour is also planned and Luba & Gerry will be consulted as how best to do this). Announcements are in the bulletins. We will provide refreshments post-talk at SMM if the talk is after or during Holy Hour.

PC will be hosting viewings of The Chosen, Season II at St. Thomas on Sunday afternoons beginning on Feb. 26th through Mar. 26th. Announcements will be made each week at Mass. Snacks will be provided by the PC members.

Kathy DeMass put together the Rice Bowl and black prayer book packets and they will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. Printed info on The Chosen is included.

Hallow briefly discussed, Imitation of Christ being read by actors, poster pending.

3. PASTORAL/SOCIAL/PARISH MINISTRIES

Social Ministry Team purchased new clothing for the Red Creek school nurse office by request, helped with relocation of a man, did not have the last Family Promise meal due to Covid. The next meal is planned for April 24th.

Book group and coffee hours going very well with children attending coffee hour at each church too.

Men's group is in the works to be reprised and led by Bob Lee. Feedback has been positive, 6-10 interested men so far. First Monday evenings of the month proposed.

Family Promise Director, Graig Roberts, offered via the office to come talk to the PC about his program; however, PC decided that it was all parishioners who would benefit from such info and the priests would be consulted as to when, where, and IF that is desired.

Caring Cards. Karen Kaindl has offered to send cards to parishioners who are sick or dealing with a family member's death. Jill will send the bulletin blurb into Katie Childs at the office. A

few names were mentioned who would benefit from a card currently, including Fr. Upson on the death of his mother, Sylvia.

4. CMA APPEAL

PC members met and completed the handwritten thank-you notes.

5. PARISH PICNIC

Date: Sunday, July 23rd 12 noon in Fair Haven; no Mass in the park will be planned as Saturdays were not available.

6. BULLETIN

PC decided there will be NO calendar of weekly events.

7. MEMORIAL DAY CANDLES

The envelopes for the candles will be available to parishioners after Easter, sent to us from the office.

8. SCHOOL BOARD INFO

Paul Statskey talked about the function of the School Board emphasizing 3 points: One, the budget is approved by the Board, two, the Board creates policy which influences District decisions, and three, the Board selects the Superintendent, which is key to collaboration. Informative discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FINDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CHURCH UPKEEP

Mary Capone emailed Kathy DeMass about the need for a meeting to address the issues regarding upkeep as some volunteers are no longer able to continue with the tasks. Discussion held regarding light snow removal, decoration take-down, insurance signatures.

2. STEWARDSHIP WEBINAR

Kathy DeMass did the online webinar suggested by the Diocese regarding CMA stewardship. Discussion about getting more parishioners involved in ministries. The next date for the online zoom is March 14th. See Kathy for details.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR PC

Discussion regarding getting new council members for next fall. Suggested new member push via word of mouth, invitation from the pulpit and the priests, all post-Easter.

3. WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

On Tuesday, April 11th, the county is inviting all churches to ring their steeple bells at 10:58-11:00 in celebration. However, our bells are non-functioning or nonexistent.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 pm, Karen Kaindl led the closing prayer. Next meeting: Thursday, Mar. 16th

(In Dan's absence, Jill Lee compiled the minutes).