

Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Sept. 12, 2022

Attendees: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Fr. Mike Merritt, Kathy DeMass, Mary Krehling, Dan Durocher, Eileen Bielemeier, Cathy Immerman, Karen Kaindl, Jill Lee, Paul Statskey

The meeting was called to order at around 7:30 p.m.

The opening prayer from Pastoral Council Prayers and Faith Sharing was led by Kathy DeMass.

Old Business

Discussions on the parish directory and 2023 parish picnic were tabled.

2022-2023 Executive Committee

Mary Krehling volunteered to serve as vice-chairperson of the Pastoral Council.

Pastoral/Parish Ministries

Lector training was held in July at St. John the Evangelist in Clyde. Fr. Merritt is looking at training at St. Michael's in Newark. More lectors are also being sought. Paul Statskey and Marie Fitzgerald have expressed an interest in being trained as a lector.

Fr. Merritt needs a list of lectors at all three churches in the parish. He plans to check with Dewey Poole to see if she will be willing to start working on an assignment list.

Discussion was also held on Eucharistic/extraordinary ministers. At this time, extraordinary ministers are not needed because the chalice is not available at mass, and also due to low attendance. However, Fr. Merritt spoke about looking for extraordinary ministers to deliver communion to sick parishioners. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of bringing back extraordinary ministers when Fr. Bill Michatek is the visiting priest.

Coffee Hour and Martha Ministries

Discussion was held on how to best bring back coffee hour to St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott and St. Thomas in Red Creek. At both churches, a list of hosts/hostesses would have to be compiled.

In Wolcott, the possibilities of making coffee hour more like a soup supper, or a social hour with appetizers or pizza were discussed. However, volunteers to host are needed.

Coffee hour is set to return to St. Thomas on Oct. 2. Dan Durocher volunteered to put a message in the bulletin. The return of coffee hour at St. Thomas will also have to be announced at masses leading up to Oct. 2. Mary Krehling and Paul Statskey offered to help work on getting a list of volunteers.

Jill Lee and Karen Kaindl volunteered to take charge of the “social hour” at St. Mary Magdalene. Ideally, this would kick off on Nov. 5.

Martha Ministries will start up at a later date and time in order to seek volunteers to spearhead the program. Cathy Immerman will put a message in the bulletin for that.

Training for Van Drivers

Paul Statskey has expressed interest in becoming a van driver. If more people express interest, a list of interested candidates’ names must be submitted to Fr. Felicjan for case training.

Future Planning

Discussion on future planning for the Wayne County clusters will begin on Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. at St. Michael’s in Newark. Finance Council members Susie Gallo and Doug Jablonski have volunteered to represent Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity (CCBT). Two members of the CCBT Pastoral Council meetings are being sought to represent the parish at planning meetings in hopes of bringing the total of CCBT representatives to four.

Karen Kaindl expressed interest in participating in planning sessions, but one more volunteer is being sought. Pam AuClair, Breezy AuClair, and others have also been discussed as potential candidates to represent CCBT. If no volunteers step forward, announcements will be made at mass and in the parish bulletin.

Church Environment

The roof and steeple at St. Mary Magdalene are a work in progress. However, the repairs need action before winter.

The basement at St. Thomas has been cleaned up.

New Business

Pastoral council members received pastoral council guidelines.

Prayer Leaders for 2022-2023

The prayer leader assignments for 2022-2023 are, as follows:

- October 2022: Mary Krehling
- November 2022: Dan Durocher
- December 2022: Paul Statskey
- January 2023: Karen Kaindl
- February 2023: Jill Lee
- March 2023: Cathy Immerman
- April 2023: Eileen Bielemeier
- May 2023: Kathy DeMass
- June 2023: Mary Krehling

Relocating to St. Thomas

The seasonal move from St. Jude in Fair Haven to St. Thomas went smoothly. Discussion was held on the collective effort during the relocation.

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Mary Capone has the packets and new DVDs for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The DVD will be shown at mass during the weekend of Oct. 29-30. Kathy DeMass will check with Mary Capone about the packets.

Goals for 2022-2023

Very little discussion was held on the CCBT pastoral council's goals for 2022-2023 due to time constraints.

Closing Prayer: The Pastoral Council Prayers were led by Kathy DeMass.

The meeting was adjourned at around 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene.

The draft minutes have been submitted via email on Sept. 16, 2022 by Dan Durocher, with requests for additions, changes, and deletions by the end of the day on Sept. 21, 2022.

Minutes Approved: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Krehling and seconded by Paul Statskey.

The approved minutes were respectfully submitted to Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council, Marie Smith, Mary Capone, Bev Dulmage, and Kathy Schrader on Sept. 29, 2022. Minutes were posted on the CCBT website on Sept. __, 2022.