

Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes
June 15, 2023

Present: Fr. Michael Merritt, Kathy DeMass, Mary Krehling, Dan Durocher, Jill Lee, Eileen Bielemeier, Cathy Immerman, Karen Kaindl, and Paul Statskey

Absent: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. followed by opening prayers by Kathy DeMass.

Old Business

Book Group

- The book group has ended, and a screening of the movie “Apparition Hill” was requested. A new book, “No Turning Back,” by Fr. Don Calloway will be next on the group’s list, and discussion on that will start in September.

Men’s Group

- Three meetings have been held so far and one last meeting will be planned before September. Paul Statskey has volunteered to put write ups about it in the bulletin.

Social Ministry

- The social ministry team has returned from the Holy Land.
- The summer backpack drive is coming soon.
- A health and hygiene drive is planned for Red Creek Central School District and North Rose-Wolcott (NR-W) Central School District in September. So far, Red Creek has received new clothes and clothes have been donated to NR-W’s Leavenworth Middle School.
- Plans are in place to “adopt” two families.
- Diapers for the clothing center in Wolcott will soon be coming.

Caring Ministries

- Karen Kaindl has sent get well cards, as well as sympathy and “thinking of you” cards.

Troubled Pregnancies

- An inventory of resources has been completed. Notices have been placed in the bulletin and Eileen Bielemeier plans to send more notices.
- Homilies have been suggested.
- The Troubled Pregnancies committee has been checking on resources for moms in need and how to walk with moms.
- Fr. Merritt states his goal to get CareNet’s baby bottle campaign going again.

Coffee/Supper Hour

- Coffee hour at St. Thomas in Red Creek is over and plans to come back this September.
- The latest supper hour at St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott was June 3 and featured picnic food to celebrate summer. The supper hours are not expected to return until Oct. 7.

- It was discussed whether these activities would take a “potluck” approach.

Future Planning/Committee Merger

- A meeting was held at St. John the Evangelist in Clyde on June 14. The cluster from eastern Wayne County isn’t ready to send the Diocese of Rochester its final plan, which may not be implemented until a new bishop is appointed. The next meetings will be held on Sept. 21 and Oct. 4.

Parish Picnic

- One final parish picnic committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 26 at St. Thomas.

New Members

- Maryrose and John Balloni have agreed to join the pastoral council for 2023-2024.
- Jill Lee has volunteered to serve as secretary, and Mary Krehling will remain vice-chair.
- At 6 p.m. on Aug. 17, a gathering to welcome the new members and bid farewell to the departing members will be held.

Move to St. Jude

- The move to St. Jude in Fair Haven was a success. Marie Smith took the lead to organize the move.

Vocation Videos

- Discussion on the videos will resume in the fall. It’s more likely that the videos would be shown before mass.

Bishop Barron Booklets

- One hundred booklets have been ordered for Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity. The goal is to educate churches through the booklets.

Flagpole at St. Thomas Cemetery

- Discussion on a new flagpole for St. Thomas cemetery was held. A new 25-foot flagpole would cost about \$2,500. This would be left up to the Buildings and Grounds committee.

Littering

- A neighbor was recommended by Kathy DeMass to call law enforcement if something strange happens in the area of St. Thomas.

New Business

Catholic Ministries Appeal

- The 2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is \$15,000, down from \$16,000 in 2022-2023.

Reflecting on the Past Year

- Mostly positive remarks were shared about the 2022-2023 work year for the pastoral council, which plans to send a thank you card to Fr. Merritt.

Kathy DeMass led the closing prayer.

Adjournment: 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Jill Lee and seconded by Kathy DeMass to approve the minutes on Aug. 12, 2023. Copies of the minutes have been sent to Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, members of the pastoral council, Mary Capone, Katie Childs, Kathy Schrader, and Marie Smith.