

Subject: Minutes of Holy Trinity All-Committee Meeting

Date: March 31, 2015

Location: HT Church Basement

Heidi Butler, Chairperson of Holy Trinity School Advisory Board called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Approximately 45 Holy Trinity parishioners were in attendance. Members of the following Holy Trinity committees and councils were present:

- 1.) HT School Advisory Board, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Christian Mothers, Human Concerns, Liturgy, and Building & Grounds
- 2.) Also present were many interested and concerned parishioners.

Staff present were Father Ed Kornath, HT Pastor and Ms. Jodi Casetta, HT Principal

Father lead group in opening prayer asking God for guidance and wisdom as we enter into Holy Week. Father outlined schedule of services for Holy Week and asked God's blessings on Holy Trinity Parish and its members.

Heidi reviewed the items on the agenda and Brian Wildt summarized Pastoral Council motion to proceed with a feasibility study for our proposed new Parish Center. Pastoral Council is also beginning to work on a Strategic Planning process for Holy Trinity Parish. Paul Dean summarized Finance Council's motion to also proceed with feasibility study.

A decision was made to have several All-Committee meetings until project moves to construction phase. Next All-Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 28th at 6:30 pm in Holy Trinity Church basement. This meeting will be listed in the bulletin. All committee chairs, committee members and interested parishioners are invited to attend this meeting.

Joel Fleischman presented the following:

- 1.) Proposed site plan. The proposed new Parish Center will be located north of Holy Trinity School. It will have a common entrance which will be immediately west of Holy Trinity Church and will be the main entrance for HT School and Parish Center.
- 2.) Proposed building layouts were presented. The Parish Center will include a large multi-purpose area (gym), bathrooms, kitchen, parish offices, storage, and conference room on first floor and locker rooms, concessions and large gathering area on second floor. The multi-purpose area (gym) will be the size of a middle-school gym. It will have a multi-purpose floor and will be able to accommodate two volleyball courts, and have bleachers that will seat 200 people. A HT Building Committee will now work on final design with selected professional designers.
- 3.) Joel announced that a group of silent donors has come forth to provide funds up to \$750,000 and that these funds will be placed in an escrow account. This group of generous donors will also provide up to \$25,000 per year for the first 10 years of operational expenses for our Parish Center. All expressed deep gratitude.
- 4.) The benefits of a Parish Center were summarized and include:
 - a. Greater efficiencies as Parish & School offices are consolidated.
 - b. Improved safety and wellness by moving kitchen to this Parish Center.

- c. Creation of a unified area for Parish, assemblies, meetings, and after sacrament functions and dinners. Also an additional area for overflow crowds.
 - d. Multi-purpose area (gym) will be used for CCD/CYD programs, HT School physical education classes, and Basketball & Volleyball practices & games.
 - e. The complete Parish Center will be able to host large social events, banquets, musicals, movie nights, gala dinners, and plays.
- 5.) Finally Joel encouraged parishioners to think about our new Parish Center as the spark to further invigorate Holy Trinity Parish, which all agreed, with a loud round of applause.

Jim Wessing outlined process to receive Archdiocesan approval. Father contacted Linda King at the Chancery Office and she provided all the documents and Archdiocesan Procedure Manual that Holy Trinity will follow. The process includes submittal of 4 Forms to the Archdiocesan Building Commissions. The dates the Commission meets are: April 9th, June 11th, August 13th, October 8th and December 10th. Form A was presented which is a Proxy for a Feasibility Study and will be submitted at the April 9th Commission meeting.

Several parishioners requested that we work on improved communication at Holy Trinity. Suggestions included having all Councils and Committees place minutes and updates on Holy Trinity Website, and meeting notices and updates in Holy Trinity Bulletin. Also school related items should be circulated to Holy Trinity School and CCD/CYD parents. Final action on this topic was that we have a couple of All-Committee meetings throughout the year.

There were many compliments regarding Father's update before final blessing at Masses the weekend of March 21-22. Some comments included: "WOW!....Thank You...One of the best things I've heard....Glad that Father addressed some of these rumors.....We've needed this for a long time.....Nice to see these committed donors.....People are very excited.....It's a catalyst for sure....This is great...shows commitment to School & Parish!"

Next step is to create a Building Committee. Joel and Chad Cook volunteered to be Co-Chairs of the Building Committee. About 5-6 parishioners volunteered, and if you are interested in being on the Building Committee, please contact either Joel or Chad, or call Parish Office.

Discussion also focused on conducting a Capital Campaign to provide for the needs of the Parish such as an Angel Fund, curriculum updates, tuck pointing/painting of church, new boiler in church, parking lot upgrade, computers, basketball & volleyball equipment, and School Annual Fund. Jodi discussed importance of School Annual Fund. Jim, Father and Paul will discuss these with Barb Vite from Archdiocese on April 16th for proper timing and scheduling.

Short History: Holy Trinity Parish was founded in 1861 by local Catholic immigrants and has been providing spiritual service to our members, visitors and the people of the surrounding Kewaskum area for the past 154 years. Holy Trinity School was established in 1880 by a group of engaged parishioners who were committed to providing a faith-based education.

Currently Holy Trinity's youth ministries provide services to 318 students from 202 families. Total membership has grown to 850 parishioners. Holy Trinity Parish is debt-free but running about a \$50,000 operating deficit. It's important that Tithing/Pledges are paid to balance budget. Building process at Archdiocese may require a balanced budget for approval.

Father closed meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving. Next meeting is April 28th at 6:30 pm.

"God Invites us to do the Little Things of Everyday Life with Great Love!"