

Blessed Trinity Parish Council Minutes

Sept. 9th, 2025

Adoration Chapel then Father Pat's Porch

Summary - The meeting began with prayer in the Adoration Chapel, followed by a gathering in Father Pat's office. Attendees included clergy, school principals, and ministry leaders. BT Principal Megan Losito reported stable enrollment and continued focus on the Diocesan theme Pilgrims of Hope, with group activities planned to foster success and support. BT School parent concerns were raised regarding class size and student denomination. Mrs. Losito stated the school is in diocesan guidelines. In response to a recent school shooting in Minneapolis, both schools reviewed and reinforced security procedures. TCHS Principal Tammie Vassou emphasized leadership development and expansion of the AP Program. Matt Ivers shared that the stewardship luncheon was successful. Upcoming events include the Appreciation Dinner (Nov 16), Day of Reflection (Sept 20). Ministry updates were shared by Gisela, Paul, and Judith. New business included planning future events and forming a Parish Picnic Committee. The meeting reflected a strong sense of community, collaboration, and commitment to spiritual growth, educational excellence, and stewardship engagement across both schools and ministries.

6:00p.m. Prayer in adoration chapel

6:15 Father Pat's Office

Attendance: Father Pat, Bill Kennedy, Gisela Salas, Emily Vey, Heather Smith, Paul Miller

Rodney Gutierrez, Judith Cespedes, Aracelis Collado, Liz Egan, Angie Yates, Megan Losito, Tammie Vassou, Matt Ivers, Father Bill Burns

- I. Reflection & Vespers Reading - Rodney Gutierrez, 407-668-8292 rgutierrezcmp@gmail.com
- II. Approval of minutes from 8/12/25
- III. Rodney approved minutes, Gisela 2nd

IV. Staff Representative

- a. BT Principal – Megan Losito, (352) 622-5808 x3300 mlosito@btschool.org Student enrollment hasn't changed, Stayed with Diocesan Theme Pilgrims of Hope, student, faculty and staff will have groups throughout the year to help build each other up to be successful.
- b. Parent concern was brought up about the school population, class size, and denomination of students. Mrs. Losito addressed the concern stating they are within the diocesan guidelines
- c. After school shooting in Minneapolis what are the schools doing– security was in place for both schools, both schools made sure everyone was current with the procedures. Over the last few years, they have increased security measures on both campuses, they are keeping current on all new procedures and information concerning student safety.
- d. TCHS Principal - Tammie Vassou (352) 622-9025 ext. 1106 tvassou@tchs.us TC is Following the Diocesan theme as well. Growing leaders from with-in the school. Growing the AP Program for more student opportunities for college recognition. Nov. 8th Jeans & Jerseys fundraiser, they are having a college night for seniors, and a new building addition is in discussions.

V. Stewardship

- a. Matt Ivers- Stewardship luncheon went well
- Stewardship Opportunities Handbook Update – Sue has the book completed
- Stewardship Appreciation Dinner Nov 16
- Discussion on Stewardship Renewal
- Day of Reflection Sept 20
- Representative -Oct – Shelton, Nov-Migdalia

VI. September Commission Reports

- a. Worship - Gisela Salas, 352-433-5111 drgsalas@gmail.com
- b. Adult Faith Sharing no activity, Altar Server – going well
- c. Religious Education - Paul Miller, 760-799-2791 Ldpi95@msn.com BT & TC reports were given by the principals, Edge – going well they could always use more volunteers, very organized events. Life Teen – increased number of teens and going well, need more parents donating dinners, training more students to participate in the mass, more events are planned than last year.
- d. Hispanic Liaison - Judith Céspedes, 352-653-9458, frcesped@yahoo.com
- e. Increased number of couples wanting to improve their marriage, they opened a group in Marion Oaks, Welcome breakfast Sept 18th- parents class while daycare is provided. Ministries are doing ok, people are interested, but have barriers, Hispanic Picnic Oct 12th,

Ministry reports attached with email

VII. Old Business

- a. Update on Website and Bulletin Announcements- Parish Council page is up and running
- b. Annual Stewardship Welcome Luncheon for new parishioners and school families

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VIII. New Business

- a. Plan Council Calendar of PC managed events for the 25-'26 session
- Discussion of Commission Reports – 2 per year – Adjust Annual plan accordingly
- b. Establish a team and begin planning for the Church picnic – Bill, Aracelis, Marty & Liz Egan, Paul, Gisela have volunteered for the Parish Picnic Committee – they will meet to plan the picnic day to be determined
- c. Parish Leader's Day of Reflection – Sept 20th After Mass 8am then Parish Hall

VII Upcoming Events

- September 13 – Hispanic New Parishioner Welcome and Stewardship event
- September 14 – Exultation of the Holy Cross/8:45 am Blue Mass
- September 20 – Morning of Reflection
- September 21 – Confirmation Meeting for parents and Confirmandi
- October 4 – Pre-Cana
- October 12 – 2nd Sacramental Meeting
- October 12 – Hispanic Festival

VIII. Closing Prayer

- Next Meeting: October 14, 2025, 6 pm Adoration Chapel, then Fr. Pat's Office
- Reflection/Vespars: Gisela Salas
- Commission Reports – Administration, Community Outreach
- Staff Representative: – Stewardship Angie Shelton
- Next Agenda Mtg: October 10th @ 8:15 in Father's Office