

CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2014

Present: Annette Andres, Fr. Ray, Jen Gorman, Jill LaCross, Jim Keedy , John A. Ehardt, Pete VanBerlo, Vince Balog, Mike Bobrowski

Opening Prayer: *Jesus Prayer* by Fr. Ray

Agenda and minutes approved.

The parish party was added to the agenda (Feast of Christ the King).

Pastor's Moment

-Fr. Ray is partway through his time at the parish (assigned for at least six years), and he has come to know the people and can now feel more relaxed to minister to them, experience the sacraments, and run the parish as one of the parish. It's a nice place to be.

-Fr. Ray provided a handout for the council members to consider regarding his thoughts on the agenda and approach to activity. Agenda items can be drawn out, and we need to optimize on whether it belongs on the council list. We need to take action on the list items, perhaps with each person being responsible for certain areas or items.

Old Business

-CSA: The Diocese and individual parish reports have come in. Our target was \$102,000, and we have \$116,000 pledged with nearly three quarters of it already in. This is above average. Overall it's been a healthy year across the Diocese. The number of participants has also increased from last year.

-Sign: It'll be ready to put up next month. **Fr. Ray and Mike will go over to view it prior to it being installed.** Once installed, we can decide on landscaping. Council members and other parishioners will install it. Colors are maroon and gold.

-Front sign: Gold was freshened up, but we may need to add maroon to match the other sign.

-Student work list for parish tasks: Some ideas are adding stations and landscaping for Stations of the Cross and assisting the elderly with seasonal jobs. Betz could keep a list of the tasks, a "Honey-Do" list. **Pete has taken ownership and will figure out how to maintain it and broadcast that it's available.**

-Fr. Tom's visit: The events had a good turnout and good feedback. Homilies were enjoyed.

-Parish events: Diocese event "Theology of the Body" this Saturday. Matthew Kelly was a sell-out.

-Youth Mass: October 18 is the designated date. This will be announced at Mass to join in the committee to rotate responsibility.

-RCIA: It needs to be publicized that all are welcome. Topics of discussion are for every person, Catholic and non-Catholic. There is a good fall program lined up. It could be brought up in Father's intro. **Pete, Kevin, and Fr. Ray will brainstorm on how to promote.**

-Knights of Columbus: To celebrate their 25th anniversary with a big upscale breakfast.

-Religious Education program: Registration is taking place with classes starting the first week of October.

-Vocations section: **Fr. Ray is coming along with it.**

-Stewardship: Looking at other parishioners to learn and institute so that we don't have to reinvent the wheel. The Vincentians are meeting at Christ the King on Wednesday to look at the purpose and scope. This is to help the people holistically. A parish council member, who is interested in participated, was not notified about the meeting. Others may not have been contacted. Ball is rolling on this though.

-Knights of Columbus breakfast hosted by religious education students: **Jim will ask the Knights.** This would be open to all students in the parish. Sometime this fall or winter.

-Invitation for coffee and donuts: Fellowship is great but we may need a more diversified menu. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for some parishioners, which may be their only opportunity all week. Vince will look at Bulletins around the country for alternative ideas.

-Nursery: Jen put together the reasons the nursery fell apart – same families, long mornings. A donor offered to pay for a babysitter and there were even interviews. But then the idea got slashed. This idea needs to be entertained again, perhaps a combination of volunteers and paid. **Fr. Ray will talk with some of the older parishioners to see if they would be interested as it's a meaningful service and connects the generations. Jen will provide input on operations.**

-Meeting space: More and more reasons crop up to pursue it. It's been a struggle to find a contractor. Fr. Ray is fired up to get this done. Go to existing contractors for recommendations.

-Roof: We got the roof at a good price and we have a solid contractor. It will be on the church by the end of October at the latest.

-Minister training: There are ten new Eucharistic ministers, and renewal training is coming up, too. Guides are useful tools and will be used for sessions. Mark is responsible to enforce the manuals.

-Mass books: This year's is already out of print since Advent is coming up. It was suggested to purchase the three-year hard copy versions so that they can be reused. If we order the one-year version, we'll need to order way more than last year.

-Parish staff to join meetings: It would be good to include Mark in pastoral council meetings to help field liturgical questions. Betz would be good to include in finance council meetings.

-Music could be mixed up, maybe with a more upbeat song at the end. This is up to Mark. Everything is liturgically correct, but it could have more variety. This comes from parishioners.

-Christ The King Celebration. We talked about having a dinner with some activities on Saturday evening November 22nd. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving. We will need to get some people working on this.

New Business

-Life dinner and the Life Chain are coming up.

-Minutes and agenda can be shared/sent to other parishioners. It's public on the website already.

-Community vegetable garden will be planted between the church and the rectory.

-New idea for down the line: a pavilion near the Stations of the Cross for outdoor events and used by the parish/community.

-Kids collection: Suggested that Fr. Ray verbally invite the children. Perhaps once in a while hand out a saint card.

-Contact information for new members was verified.

-Parish tithing: Parishioners are seeing money coming in and wondering how it's being used. Some money used to be allocated to different – chosen – causes and then communicated to the parish. We already do this in so many ways. The finance council keeps track of these items and set the budget. It needs to be communicated how the tithing money is being distributed.

Meeting concluded with prayer at 8:30pm.