

Christ the King Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2014

Present: Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Pete Vanberlo, Vince Balog, Jerry Evans, Jim Keedy, Jen Gorman, Jill LaCross

October minutes and November agenda were approved.

Opening Prayer: Jen

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fr. Ray will add comments as they come up during the course of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Initiation of committees: Committees are needed to give group opinions and provide oversight on projects. This would give Fr. Ray more time to minister and also grow a sense of investment among committee members and those they recruit. We need to work out a list of committee types. The first two to get going at Building & Grounds and Liturgical.

Church signs: The response has been very good! May need to repaint the other signs nearer the church to match. Landscaping around the new sign will happen in the spring.

Parish education events for Advent/winter: RCIA topics are still going and probably should be announced more frequently, as well as the specific topic noted in the Bulletin. Also announce RCIA on Facebook. Keep thinking of ideas.

Feast of Christ the King celebration: Appetizers have been ordered. Fr. Ray sent a personal invitation to new parishioners (about 30 letter). The kids' choir won't provide enough volume for the Mass. **Vince and Betz will follow up with the new parishioners, personally inviting them to the potluck.** The event is November 22 after the 5:00 Mass.

Education classes/teachers: We'd like to see more out of our religious education program. Moving toward a permanent position with credentials. It would be easier, according to teachers, to have materials/session/program planned for each week. Fr. Ray will ask the bishop what they did in Lansing. **Jen will look into the Matthew Kelly confirmation program as another source of educational material.**

Vocations section of the website: **In progress by Fr. Ray. Jill volunteered to track/write stories and update the site ongoing if there comes to be a need.**

K of C/Student Breakfast: Jim will bring up at next meeting.

Nursery: Anonymous donor who was willing to fund nursery care before has extended the offer again. We could hire someone, doesn't need to be Catholic, to run the nursery and have teenagers assist. This would help keep families together and not have to split Masses. **Jen will follow up and keep the process going.**

Youth Mass: The next one is scheduled for January. It will be promoted partially through the religious education program by handing the kids flyers to give to their parents. Middle school might also get involved at some point.

Enclosed Meeting Room: Fr. Ray spoke with a contractor; he just needs to find time in this schedule. A design concept has been requested.

Ushers Meeting/Protocol: This still needs to be scheduled. **Fr. Ray will talk with Mark about setting up a meeting.**

Roof: Project is completed! Just the gutters need to be finished before winter really sets in.

Staff attend council meetings: Mark has agreed to attend the Pastoral Council meetings starting in January. Betz is willing to work a different schedule the day of the Finance Council meeting so that she can attend in the evening.

Vegetable Garden: Annette is gathering info.

Facilitator/Secretary: Jen has stepped up as the new secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Missals: We can spread and cultivate stewardship if we as servant leaders witness to the parish. The Council will sponsor a K of C breakfast (Dec. 21), with proceeds to go towards buying missals for prisoners. **Jill will create an insert about it for the Bulletin and send it to Pete.**

Stewardship Committee: A document from St. Mary's Cathedral about stewardship was provided to the council members to review and inspire. The Stewardship Council can be considered the HR department in a major business, offering support for all other departments. Visit the cathedral website to look at their stewardship area. It's full of resources. Kevin Endres was invited to the meeting since he is passionate about stewardship, but he was unable to attend.

Changing Mass Time: Fr. Ray provided his announcement for council members to review prior to it going out to the parish. The announcement will be made this coming Sunday, with the new schedule to begin in January. The council members fully support this decision and will be on hand at the Masses. **There are other logistical items to take care of because of this change: Masstimes.org, our website, our new sign, our old signs, notifying the Catholic Weekly.**

Communications: Make diocesan events and programs accessible around the diocese by recordings and streaming feeds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm following the closing prayer.