

**CHRIST THE KING
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2014**

Present: Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Vince Balog, Jim Keedy, Pete VanBerlo, John Ehardt, Jill LaCross, Jen Gorman, Jerry Evans
Guests: Cathy and Darryl Nelson

The meeting started with an opening prayer by Fr. Ray at 6:30pm. June minutes and July agenda were approved. Welcome new pastoral council members! Jen Gorman, John Ehardt, and Annette Andres

Pastor's Moment

- Our newly appointed bishop, Msgr. Steven Raica, has an impressive background showing a diversity of talent and caring. He is spoken highly of by all who know him. Our diocese is very fortunate.
- Fr. Ray will work more on dispersing responsibilities so that things can get done in a more timely manner.
- Sign update: The township has approved. We are a few weeks away from getting the sign into place. The colors need to be decided still. We will also be providing an ad space in our Bulletin for the Resort's Sunday brunch. Mike Bobrowski to take over the completion of the project.
- John Ehardt and his family have volunteered to refresh the paint on the front sign.
- Travel material idea will go on hold until there is more interest. This could be part of something done by hospitality.
- Roof update: Three committee members are working together and have come up with what we need. Bids will be gathered soon. The timing of the project is TBD, but it is moving ahead.
- The building committee should take on other church projects, such as the renovation of the conference room downstairs and the laying of new carpet.
- Fr. Ray will send Fr. Tom Allender's contact information to the council members. Fr. Tom still needs to be contacted about times and topics of his presentations while he is here as a visiting priest in August. It was asked by Mike Bobrowski if Jerry Evans could ask his wife to work on this possibly with Mary Jo Piche.

Old Business

- CSA: The final report will be going out to the parish in mid-July. We are at \$114,000, well over our target! All of the surplus funds will return to the parish.
- Student Stewardship hours: Mike Buell responded to Mike Bobrowski's suggestion with the following thoughts – The point of the Christian service hours is to give students a taste of helping the community so that they have a good experience and then want to continue on in the future on their own. Forcing students to do more hours usually leads to resistance and a poor experience. In the past, when students were required to have

more hours in their home parish to fulfill their obligation, parishes were overloaded and didn't have enough for the students to do. But, if we came up with a list of needs, they will get done by the students. We just need to make our needs known and provide the opportunities for the kids to serve our parish. The council and CTK staff will think about jobs so that we have something ready for the new school year.

- Mass intro is doing well.
- We need to promote the Matthew Kelly talk that will be in Gaylord in August, and also the Theology of the Body talk that will be held there in September. This is part of our adult formation and continued evangelization.
- Religious education volunteer meeting: The meeting went well. Most people attended, and there was good feedback for improvements. Fr. Ray will meet with Fred Robb about those items, and then a fall plan will be created.
- Vocation section: Fr. Ray continues to work on it.
- Stewardship Committee: Kevin Endres has resigned from the Finance Council and is now going full speed ahead with rejuvenating the Stewardship Committee. The assembling of the committee will likely be in August. He is very dedicated to this cause. Cathy has been a very valuable resource. Stewardship creates a culture of affirmation and appreciation for volunteers, to match their God given talents with the needs of the parish.
- Student and K of C breakfast: No updates. Jim will talk to the knights about dates and how the students could help manage/assist the knights on one of their monthly breakfasts this fall.
- Coffee and donuts: The sign should be out in the gathering space every weekend.
- Youth Mass and ice cream social: The next youth Mass will be in September, date TBD, with a possible ice cream social to follow directly afterwards.
- Training sessions: No updates. Fr. Ray will speak with Mark about spending more time with this. The usher guide needs to be completed.
- Facilitator and secretary positions: Mike and Jill will stay on for as long as necessary but ideally the jobs would go to a second-year member.

New Business

- Cathy suggested adding Fr. Ray's M&M's to the website as a separate post. Mike will talk to Betz about adding it.
- There is a need for a Liturgy Subcommittee. This would fit into the responsibilities of the current council.
- We need more Sunday Word books on hand, as we seem to run out every year with people taking them home.
- The idea was brought forth of a Worship Committee. Mark handles it now, but it should be a group effort with getting parishioners involved to work with Mark.
- There is enough singing talent in our parish that there could be more cantors.
- There is the suggestion for Mark or Betz to attend the council meetings.
- We need to start thinking about an event for the Feast of Christ the King celebration, to extend hospitality and build a sense of community.

- Maybe return to the idea of tything at a parish level to give back to organizations or causes that need the assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm after a prayer by Fr. Ray.