

## Christ the King Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

*Present:* Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Pete Vanberlo, Vince Balog, Jerry Evans, Jen Gorman, John Ehardt, Jim Keedy, Jill LaCrosse, Mark Tafelsky

*Absent:* Annette Andres

December minutes and January agenda were approved.

Opening Prayer: John

### PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fr. Ray wanted to discuss two items with group: 1- He met with Bishop Raica re: "Year of the Family" and reviewed communication sent out by the Vatican re: this. John to scan and email document to Pastoral Council who are asked to read information over next month or two and help generate statement from our parish. 2- Fr. asked the group their opinion on "snow days" for employees of CTK. General consensus is that is a personal decision by the employee re: comfort of traveling in inclement weather but if they opt not to come to work a personal or sick day should be used.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Mass change status & feedback:** Overall very positive reaction to 10 am Mass. Vince made maps to IC for noon Mass for late arrivals. Fr. Ray personally went to hotels from 8<sup>th</sup> Street east and handed out new Mass schedule. Only area of concern was re: gift bearers bringing up gifts before offertory. This was not well received. It was decided that we will return to previous timing for gifts but that Fr. will talk with ushers to start coming forward for offertory collection when children's collection begins.

**Pre-Mass Announcements:** Fr. is often approached by members of various Catholic groups to make announcement for their groups prior to start of Mass. It was decided that this is fine but should start before Mass and be completed by 10 am when Fr. Ray starts his intro.

**Parish Committees & Subcommittees:** Buildings/Grounds committee- Mike continued to talk with parishioners and has 2-3 interested volunteers; Pete talked with Terry Hardwick and Dave Burke who are also interested. Possible jobs for Buildings/Grounds committee discussed included: re-carpeting basement; possibility of tiling part of basement in high traffic areas; decisions related to enclosed meeting room in basement; upgrading entry doors, eg etching in glass; addition of enclosed bulletin board outside to list announcements or installation of flat screen monitors with rolling announcements inside entryways. Liturgical committee- Mark has a charter for Liturgy Commission- he will review to determine how many members are appropriate for our parish size. Fr. Ray will give Mark the list of parishioners who were willing to join Pastoral Council to review for potential members of this committee; Renata (sp?) and one other would automatically be in group because of their role with decorations. Potential jobs for a Liturgical Committee were discussed and included (but not limited to): asking/ scheduling KofC members to altar serve during funerals; copy worship aids for Mark; assist with Ministry Schedules; possible new garments for altar servers.

**Church signs:** New sign looks great. Mike discussed updating older signs with Simon Wolf (Signplicity); they will determine permanent fix as weather permits.

**Parish education events for winter/Lent:** Fr. Ray will include RCIA topics in his M&M to draw attention to them; this may encourage non-Catechumen parishioners to attend RCIA classes to grow in their faith. Jen highly recommends "Symbolon" video series or "Decision Point" (Matthew Kelly) series to be incorporated into education events for parish. Pastoral Council to come up with specific video and plan.

**Education classes/teachers:** High school youth group still have not met; they have expressed desire to resume meetings to Pete. Fr. will talk with Cammie Richardson (IC Faith Formation director) who is having great success with her program. Fr. Ray will ask CHRP members to volunteer as leader(s); Pete suggests trying to find a good male role model as well. Jen suggests having a (loose) lesson plan for volunteers to follow.

**K of C/Student Breakfast:** Mike will talk with Steve (?last name) re: picking a date to have religious education students assist with breakfast; all are willing, just need a date.

**Stewardship committee:** Mike and Pete spoke with Kevin Endres re: Stewardship committee; at this time he is willing to assist but not lead the group. The PC will all review the St. Mary's Cathedral stewardship constitution and come prepared to next meeting; however, this is a decision Fr. Ray has to make and be supportive of or it will not succeed. Roles of SC vs PC reviewed: PC provides spiritual support while SC is volunteer staff who make our parish more friendly, personal and outgoing. Jobs for SC could include: greeters at doors before Mass, distribute packets to new parishioners, sit down with visitors during coffee/donuts after Mass.

**Nursery:** Jen dropped off necessary paperwork to potential new childcare provider; will await clearance before she begins. Fr. Ray has potential 2<sup>nd</sup> provider. Nursery will continue to be covered by parishioners until hired provider(s) cleared. Discussed paid vs. volunteer position for teenage assistants; Fr Ray and Jen will meet to determine how to proceed with this.

**Youth Mass:** Scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers in charge are all set with Mass and dinner following.

**Enclosed Meeting Room:** Going well; Fr. and Mike are in regular conversation with Terry.

**Ushers Meeting/Protocol:** Ushers were concerned with changes to timing of presentation of the gifts; however it was decided that we will change that back to original format so these concerns have been resolved.

**Vegetable Garden:** Due to recent illness Annette has been unable to follow up with this; she will look into it as her health improves.

**Diocesan programs/events online:** No new info at this time.

**Stewardship Prayer:** Mark will talk with Betz to have prayer cards (likely 4/page) printed on card stock and placed in pews. Prayer will be said prior to Mass as time allows, likely 1-2 times a month.

**Children's offering:** Pastoral council members will email Pete list of 2-3 charities to be beneficiaries of children's offering; Pete will generate list for year (one charity per month) and Fr. Ray will announce which charity the donations will benefit while inviting children forward to give their offering. This will begin with St. Vincent de Paul for first month.

**Honey-Do List needs attention:** Jim suggested Fr. Ray draw attention the honey do list in his M&M by listing two specific items from it and suggesting parishioners review it in office for these jobs and more.

**New facilitator for Pastoral Council:** Big thanks to John Ehardt who volunteered to replace Mike who graciously served an extended time as facilitator for our group.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Status of stained glass:** Many concerned parishioners asked about stained glass windows behind the Baptismal Font; Fr. Ray will mention at Masses that the clear glass is temporary and stained glass will be put back in.

**Eventual upgrades to building:** As mentioned earlier there was good discussion re: future upgrades to church building including doors upgraded, etching of glass in entry doors, modern display for announcements/activities.

**Next meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm following the closing prayer by Fr. Ray.