

CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2015

Present: Annette Andres, Jen Gorman, Jill LaCross, John A. Ehardt, Pete VanBerlo, Vince Balog, Mike Bobrowski, Mark Tafelsky

Opening Prayer: Mike

Agenda and January minutes approved.

Pastor's Moment:

Fr. Ray out of town.

Old Business

Sign: Mike to meet with Simon about existing signs as Fr. requested a quote for slide-in signs for Ash Wednesday and Easter. Slides have a per unit cost of \$75. Discuss with Finance Council what is an acceptable amount to spend without needing approval. Mike will clarify with Fr. Ray what he's hoping for, for the signs.

Stewardship Committee: Mike, Kevin, Pete, and Cathy met over documents. Mike will be with Kevin to launch the official council in the summer, with support by Cathy. The committee is moving ahead to meet our baptismal call to stewardship. Jen will e-mail a list of possible ministries to all council members.

Youth Mass: Great attendance and enthusiasm! The next one will be March 21st.

Meeting room: In progress. The structure is there, and the end room also has all new furniture and a conference table, generously donated. Expense of the wall will be sent to the diocese, to be submitted by Fr.

Stewardship prayer: Cards are in the pews, and Fr. Ray will bring it up at Mass every once in a while.

Children's invitation and charity announcement: Betz provided a list of places we used to donate to. The focus could be on local charities, and the charity could change every month. Pete will take a look at the list and submit proposed charities. Then each month, the children's collection will go to a charity, to be announced by Fr. during Mass as well.

Honey-Do list: Discussion over including it in the M&M and in the Bulletin. One suggestion, once a month during the start of Mass (Fr. Ray's intro), to grow interest and to get the message out that the list exists, both for posting and for fulfilling.

Vegetable garden: Annette has done substantive research and provided ideas to start and sustain a community garden. Developing a vision for the garden would be developed by the Council and others who are interested in having a plot in the garden. There is a lot to it, a lot of considerations. Annette will meet with Fr. on this before the next meeting.

Nursery: Jen is working with someone at the Diocese to help with hiring the woman who applied. Families are filling in for now. Donor intends to pay teen sitters. At least one teen will be needed to start, more as the need grows. Sitters may also have the option of applying it towards Christian service hours.

Parish education events: Wednesday evenings in Lent during the children's religious education. It could be held in the nursery to start since there is decent soundproofing. Jen to get with Betz to get it into the Bulletin, and will check with Fred about the use of the portable TV. Council members are encouraged to consider other ideas for the future.

New Business

Director of Religious Education: Fr. Ray expressed his desire to have a FT person after the finance council approved a PT position. Some of the salary could be available if we pay off the rectory mortgage. The council recommended this course of action by consensus and passed along their recommendation to the finance council. This position will fulfill the need to educate from cradle to grave. Committees are put together, one for the job description and one to interview applicants. Pete, Jen, and Mike will work on the job description using the descriptions of others to work from.

Charter: A request was made for someone to step in as vice chairman, someone who runs the meeting if the chairman is absent. Also, within the charter is reference to the necessity of faith formation for the council members as part of the monthly meeting, such as videos, training sessions, reflections. Council members were asked to come up with ideas for this council-based faith formation.

Brainstorming: Revisit this to meet the needs that currently exist, as the old list was done three years ago.

Parishioner count: We've remained steady, but we will need to continue to count every month to have an accurate representation to compare against past years in the same month. No real negative feedback.

Capital campaigns: We have money in the bank, thanks to the generosity of others. Though some of these funds will be going toward specific projects around and within the parish, we should still consider

capital campaigns for exact causes to raise money, so that parishioners have an opportunity to contribute and invest in something specific.

Updating the parishioner database: A parish-wide survey was discussed, both via paper and electronically.

Meeting concluded with a pray at 8:30pm.