

Christ the King Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

Present: Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Pete Vanberlo, Vince Balog, Jerry Evans, Jen Gorman, John Ehardt, Jim Keedy, Jill LaCrosse, Darryl Nelson, Kevin Endres

Absent: Annette Andres

February minutes and March agenda were approved.

Opening Prayer/Faith Formation: Mike read today's gospel (? Sorry I arrived a few mins late- not sure if that is correct)

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Discussion re: upcoming GTACS Capital Campaign. Darryl and John provided information about student numbers remaining steady and even increasing which encourages updates to building to occur. Reassured group that large feasibility studies have been done to support this. John and Darryl are both available to answer any questions parishioner may have.

Great opportunity to learn about GTACS is upcoming Faith in our Future breakfast on May 14; Darryl will give information to John to share with anyone interested re: details of this breakfast. Another upcoming event to attend re: GTACS is All Systems Mass at 8:15 am in SF/HA gym.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Education Event during Lent: Jen reported on Symbolon DVD series; although group has been small there has been great discussion and positive reviews of series. Fr. announced Wednesday night gathering during 10 am Mass Sunday; personal invitation still best way to improve attendance. There will be three more sessions from 6-7:15 pm in lower level of church for all interested parishioners. There are no new events following Symbolon series planned at this time.

Pre-Mass Announcements: Reviewed again that Fr. Ray 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: Still thought to be very important; PC will continue to assist Mark in developing Liturgical Committee.

Church signs: Fr. Ray will change 10 am "slide" on sign to read 9 am and 11 am for Easter Sunday. He will put the Good Friday Mass time out on Holy Thursday and replace with Easter Mass times after Good Friday Mass. A parishioner is a painter offered to paint our other signs that need to be refreshed. Mike will contact him and set this up.

Faith Formation: Pete gave update on potential hiring of new Director of Faith Formation (DFF). Financial council holding meeting specific to DFF topic on Thursday at noon; Pete and possibly Vince will attend. Concern of finance council is sustainability for full-time position. Pete, Mike and Jen generated job description which group reviewed and approved. Pete has formed a "Talent and Search" committee to seek out candidates and interview when ready. They will meet Tuesday March 24. Goal is to attract

individual who is fully invested in making our parish all it is meant to be and remain with us for at least 5-7 years. Goal is for August 1, 2015 start date to overlap with Fred Robb for VBS. Fr. Ray will talk with Fr. Anthony (IC) and Fr. Greg (St. Pat's) re: their faith formation program success and struggles.

Stewardship committee: Mike gave update; he, Cathy Nelson and Kevin Endres will meet as they are able. Cathy has been attending stewardship meetings at diocesan level and reporting back to group.

Nursery: Finally able to begin with hired childcare provider Bea Edmond 3/22 Mass. Start promoting nursery now that consistent provider in place. There will be no nursery available during Easter Masses (as are returning to 9 & 11 am times for that Sunday) or 4/12 because of women's CHRP retreat.

Youth Mass: Scheduled for March 22nd. Volunteers in charge are all set with Mass and dinner following.

Enclosed Meeting Room: All done; new wall looks good and is functional. Fr. Ray suggested having a dedication to Kurt Abrahamson (? Sp) who donated the money to pay for the wall with KofC breakfast in his honor and possible plaque/ picture.

Vegetable Garden: It was suggested that the Saint Vincent de Paul youth group possibly tend to garden on property between rectory and Church and donate produce to those in need.

Stewardship Prayer: Mistake on prayer cards needs to be fixed. Suggested that prayer be printed on song sheet as cards are often difficult to find in pews. Fr will talk with Mark re: this.

Children's offering: Pete generated list for year (one charity per month); Pregnancy care center replaced with "Rainbow Fund" due to wording on their website re: abortion. 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: Treat like stewardship prayer; remind parishioners of this prior to Mass once every 3-4 weeks OR have colored insert in bulletin once every 3-4 weeks with jobs listed.

Vice Chair to facilitator for Pastoral Council: No "vice chair" volunteers at this time. Members should discern if they are called to help in this manner.

Baptismal Font Stained Glass: Terry Hardwick is taking care of this; original glass will be put back into windows with capability to open to allow improved air flow.

NEW BUSINESS

Maximize Parish Data Base: John distributed copies of parish registration forms to be used to update parishioner information; this is useful to increase communication via email, texting, social media and families are able to be coded according to their commitments to the church, eg Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, etc. A few changes to sheet were suggested, including adding older students' emails and cell phone numbers, changing wording. John will communicate suggested changes to Betz. These should be distributed in pews, during CSA, at Faith Formation classes, at donuts; after a few months there should be a volunteer group to assist Betz with making phone calls to follow up with families who have not yet responded.

Financial Announcement to Parish: The rectory debt has been paid off in full; Fr Ray will touch base with finance council re: how to announce this to parish. Want to celebrate pay off of rectory debt but encourage continued financial support for future projects/needs.

Our Sunday Visitor: We have received final report from OSV who recommend creating brochure to report all victories to parishioners since institution of OSV. Main purpose to show all positives because of their offerings and encourage them to re-commit to see what more we can accomplish. OSV provides skeleton format for this; Kevin will email this to John. John, Mike and Jill will work together to decide what data should go into form to be potentially given out around Easter.

Our New Acolyte: Kevin Endres has achieved status as “acolyte” on his journey to becoming a Deacon. He informed PC of new duties, including sitting on altar with father (typically during 10 am Sunday Mass) and assisting with duties associated with the altar (setting up the altar and purifying vessels following Communion). Congratulations Kevin!

Faith Formation for PC: After reviewing PC bylaws it was recommended by John that we re-institute practice of faith formation for our council by members, rotating monthly. Jen volunteered for April meeting.

Next meeting: April 14th at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm following the closing prayer by our new Acolyte, Kevin.