

Christ the King Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

Present: Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Pete Vanberlo, Jerry Evans, Jen Gorman, John Ehardt, Jim Keedy, Bridget Thuente

Absent: Annette Andres, Vince Balog, , Jill LaCrosse

March minutes and April agenda were approved.

Opening Prayer at 6:30 by Fr. Ray

Parishioner/ Guest Comments- Bridget Thuente gave an update on success of Youth Masses; next one to be on May 16 (changed from May 9 due to Mother's Day). Bridget has developed rotating system where 3-4 new moms coordinate Mass, dinner and games; four new moms in charge for May Mass and all is going well.

Bridget proposed a summer outdoor Mass toward end of August (date recommended 8/22) followed by parish dinner and games. It was suggested by council to combine this with neighborhood picnic discussed in previous meeting.

Bridget supplied PC members with "proposed summer resident welcome program" suggesting CTK works to increase hospitality and welcoming "summer residents" who spend summer in TC area but are members of Catholic parish elsewhere. Her parents have felt very welcomed by their "winter" parish and are now active participants; yes you CAN be a member of two parishes! Bridget recommends Fr. Ray extends warm welcome to summer residents, encouraging them to fill out information cards provided and register to join CTK parish. This gives them full access to all our parish offers, including sacraments, faith formation and social activities, VBS, prayer list, etc. Summer members indicate any ministries they would like to participate in as long as cleared by the diocese. They may also request envelopes for the time frame required.

Pros: Critical in goal of being welcoming community, makes summer residents feel welcome, gives them opportunity to continue ministries from home parish, helps year-round parishioners take pride in CTK, increased financial support for our parish.

Con: Some logistics in paperwork, coordinating ministries, envelopes, etc.

PC unanimously agrees that increasing hospitality is top priority in making "summer residents" and visitors feel welcome. Fr. Ray expressed concern that some may take advantage of this for use of Church for weddings, baptisms. PC members question number of "summer residents" (here for entire summer but not current members of CTK) vs "summer visitors" (here for only 1-2 weekends in summer). This proposal to be passed along to Stewardship Committee as they are established.

Pastoral Council faith formation time- Jen provided information on institution of and meaning behind Divine Mercy Sunday, the feast day of which was prior Sunday.

Fr. Ray will provide May faith formation time on *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Michael Gaitley.

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Our CSA Target is down \$2000 to about \$100,000 for 2015.

There will be two more CHRP retreat weekends in the Fall; they will provide CTK a small stipend for use of our facilities.

Parish Garden to be put on hold until interested parishioners come forward to head it up.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Education Event during Lent: Discussed ways to increase participation in parish education; options suggested include combine with soup & bread dinner, pastor strongly recommend parents with children in faith formation to attend, pass it on to upcoming new director of faith formation.

Church signs: Need Curt to put "10:00" time back up on small sign. Alan Hubbar with Pro Image Design, who is a current CTK parishioner, offered to fix or remake new signs as a donation to Church. He is currently very busy with work but will take care of them as able. Mike will email PC members proofs as he receives them if any asthetic decisions need to be made.

Faith Formation: Pete reported that the Talent and Search Committee began process on March 24, listing job description on Diocese of Gaylord website as well as on Stubenville website. Four applications have been received at this time. Fr. Ray will get PC updated.

Stewardship committee: Mike gave update; he, Cathy Nelson and Kevin Endres will meet after completion of Absolute Catholic Men's Conference on Sunday April 18.

Nursery: Nursery going well with Bea working consistently on Sundays and 1-2 teen helpers assisting. Jen will email Betz information to promote nursery in bulletin and Fr. will also spread the word. At least one family indicated they may join CTK because of nursery available. Bea was initially hired for Sept-May time period when CTK changes to 10 am Mass; however, Fr would like her to continue if able. Jen will talk with her; if she is able to continue we will poll current parents using nusery as to Mass preference once change back to 2 Sunday Masses.

Youth Mass:Scheduled for May 16. Volunteers in charge are all set with Mass and dinner following.

Enclosed Meeting Room: Fr. Ray would like to name this area "Curt's Room" in honor of Curt Abrahamson who donated money for completion of wall. He would like to hang a picture or plaque in his honor/ memory.

Stewardship Prayer: Has mistake on prayer cards been 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 handed out completed list of charities to receive children's offerings changing monthly. He will provide Betz with list so she can run them in bulletin for at least the first two Sundays of each month, preferably with kid-themed border around information to draw attention to it. Pete called Pregnancy Care Center and was satisfied that abortion is not an option there so they were reinstated back onto our list.

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. Fr. would like high school students to clean up yard new new sign on 31.

Status update on stained glass windows: Fr. will talk with Terry Hardwick to get this taken care of.

Maximizing Parish Database: John provided Betz with recommended changes which she made so forms are ready to be passed out; suggest having them available in pews, with donuts after Mass, handed out to parents of Faith Formation students and handed out during CSA drive. Fr. will mention in M&M or in pre-Mass announcements. Also suggested to send forms out with envelopes as this is a free service by OSV.

OSV Parish Update: Mike, John and Jill will address this and have it finalized prior to May PC meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee: Fr. Ray asked about new carpeting for lower level and will give the B&G committee two bids received. Mike would like committee to meet to discuss all needed fixes for lower level, including painting, ceiling and carpeting. He suggested doing a Capital Campaign but not until after completion of CSA drive.

Vice Chair to facilitator for Pastoral Council: No "vice chair" volunteers at this time. Mike will facilitate May meeting as John will be out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

June K of C Breakfast: Jim talked with Steve Sincic re: 6/24 fundraising breakfast for Jamaica Mission trip; this is always a successful collection. Jim will announce it before Masses as time draws near.

New Pastoral Council Members: Fr Ray will solicit new pastoral council members to replace Mike, Pete and Jill who finish up their term this Spring. According to charter father should advertise need for new members for about one month and ask for nominations. This could also be mentioned in OSV update. Pete will ask Betz to put nomination cards in pews.

New use of rectory apartment: Fr. Ray suggested the apartment over the rectory garage be used as a prayer room for parishioners to come for 24 hours of quiet time, prayer and reflection. Those using it would be asked to give a donation for use. Possibly start with CHRP group; father will come up with a description/ intentions for the room and email the PC details.

Pre Mass Interview: Father would like to use his time before Mass to interview parishioners (current and new) to help increase hospitality and awareness of fellow parishioners. He would speak with interviewees prior to Mass so they are not put on the spot and could share information about their family with their church family.

Happy Birthday to Jill!!

Extra Prayers for Pete and his upcoming hip replacement surgery and for continued recovery for Annette.

Next meeting: May 12th at 6:30 pm.

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