

## CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2015

Present: Fr. Ray, Bonnie Babcock, Vince Balog, Annette Andres, Karen Bynre, Sue Noble, Jen Gorman, Pete VanBerlo, Jim Keedy

Absent: John Ehardt, Monica Gregosky

Vince opened meeting at 7:10 with prayer.

November minutes and December agenda approved.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Annette provided information on daily examination of conscience suggested in *33 Days to Morning Glory* using acronym BAKER; B-recall  **blessings** throughout day as well as crosses we were given and reflect on how we handled them; A-  **Ask** for special grace from the Holy Spirit recognize our sins so as not to remain blind to our sinfulness; K-It was our sins that  **Killed** and crucified Jesus so we need to look at our sins (weaknesses and attachments too) throughout the day and when our hearts dropped and why- if it was because of our own sin how can we do better next time, if it was because of the sin of someone else did we forgive them? E-allow Jesus to  **embrace** us as sinners; R-make resolutions for the next day. This is best done daily before bed but can even be done throughout the day to keep our eyes on Christ.

### **PASTOR'S MOMENT**

Five items to discuss: 1. GTACS capital campaign has been announced with goal of \$12 million; just to be aware it is taking place as it will impact CTK eventually. 2. Fr reiterated the benefit of having co-business managers to assist him; in general Kevin assists in spiritual realm while Christopher helps with operational issues. 3. Concerns have been raised re: lighter carpeting in faith formation areas and Curt's Depot- not weathering traffic as well as darker carpet in main area. Carpet Galleria has offered to replace it at no cost; consensus to replace all lighter carpet except in Sue's office from PC. 4. Brought to Fr's attention that overall donations/ funds are down; first weekend of month is strong but fairly consistent drop over remaining weekends of month. 5. After further studying attendance numbers it appears that overall attendance is down about 10-15% over last 4 years; Fr requested someone take data and enter it into an easy to read format to keep track of parishioners. It was recommended to take weekly attendance vs monthly as is currently being done. Brainstorm why attendance is low as quality of Mass and overall energy seems to be increasing. Need to have hard data to get better picture. Sue will ask Betz to begin entering data from here on out; Fr will find someone to backlog data from 4 years ago to present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update from DFF-** Sue generated FF newsletter with upcoming events as well as highlights from past events. She is currently collecting registration for upcoming Sacrament Prep classes as well as updating middle school and high school information. Upcoming activities highlighted include Christmas Caroling on Wed 12/16 we well as several fun activities during Christmas Break. Sue researched two programs to simplify sign up for activities including "evite" which is free and "TeamSnap" with \$200 annual fee; others suggested by PC members were "VolunteerSpot" and "SignUp Genius" with are both also free. Sue will do further research to determine best fit for her needs. She will plan to get newsletter out monthly, possibly with high schoolers assisting her.

**33 Days to Morning Glory-** Successful first group with consecration occurring during Mass prior to this meeting. Recommend continuing with program with new group beginning in January. Sue, Marie and newly consecrated group to discuss different options for meeting times (ie daytime meeting for older parishioners who prefer not to drive at night) Sue and Marie having begun discussing possible study groups to take place during Lent; Matthew Kelly has a new book they will look into for this.

**CTK Feast Day-** Great success! Positive feedback from PC and parishioners.

**Co-Business Managers-** PC recommends inviting Mark and/or Christopher or Kevin to meeting to discuss any liturgical issues. Fr will meet with Kevin and Christopher to generate schedule so staff can take turns attending PC meetings. Charter recommends including staff members in meetings to provide input and relay information discussed back to staff. Sue is willing to do this as well. PC unanimously agreed that having Sue attend meetings is very beneficial and informative.

**Parish Evangelization Team-** (As reported to team by Monica via email)- We reviewed and decided to use a small book during our formation time. *The Sound of His Voice*, by Carol Marquardt is a program with everyday principles for listening to God.

We desire to follow the inspiration of The Holy Spirit in our work. With our formation time, we are following the Diocese Evangelization Team guidelines for the Formation of Evangelization Teams.

In an effort to reach out to our parishioners and get them more involved with our parish and be aligned with Pope Francis objectives,

Deacon Kevin shared about the Year of Mercy established by Pope Francis beginning on December 8th and distributed Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy - by Joe Paprocki .

We all discussed potential ways to get our parishioners involved in our parish and with the Year of Mercy including speaking about the Year of Mercy at Mass and parishioners picking a corporal work of mercy for their families from a basket with follow up including families sharing their experiences of the Year of Mercy when it ends on Christ The King Sunday after Mass perhaps with coffee & donuts.

We all agreed to select a Corporal Work of Mercy and make a sheet of resources/ideas for each and hand out these resource sheets on Selection Weekend.

To feed the hungry: Evelyn Tenbusch & Monica Gregosky

To give drink to the thirsty: Scott Jaworski

To clothe the naked: Marie Strong

To visit the imprisoned: Mike Bobrowski

To shelter the homeless: Laura Truelove

To visit the sick: Mary Jo Piche

To bury the dead: Susan Noble

We are off to a great start with Deacon Kevin creating and rolling out our Corporal Work of Mercy project chart and speaking at the Masses on 12/5,12/6.

The following is the Corporal work of Mercy topic Mass speaking schedule:

December 12-13 Feed the Hungry

December 19-20th Give Drink to the Thirsty

December 26-27th Visit the Sick

January 2-3rd Shelter the Homeless

January 9-10th Visit the Imprisoned

January 16-17th Clothe the Naked

January 23-24th Bury the Dead

January 30-31st Selection Weekend

**Buildings and Grounds-** Mike Bobrowski relayed that the B&G committee will address air handling in lower level, get pricing for replacing ceiling tiles and lights in lower level after Christmas and report back to PC.

**Lower Level Usage Policy-** Betz will have representative from every organization that uses lower level sign policy once a year re: expectations, sharing space, cleaning up and locking up after use; there have been a few organizations who don't currently follow policy. This is expected to improve communication with said groups; possibly create a checklist of what needs to be done prior to leaving. Sue and/or Fr Ray will work with Christopher re: checklist and enforcement of policies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**PC Faith Formation-** Karen will provide for January meeting and Bonnie for February.

Fr Ray closed meeting in prayer at 8:50 pm

Next meeting scheduled for **Monday** January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.