

CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting minutes: Oct 18, 2016

Present: Fr. Ray, Sue Noble, Vince Balog, Annette Andres, Pete VanBerlo, Monica Gregosky, Mary Neison, Kathy Solomon, Bonnie Babcock and guest Bill Jenkins from Finance council.

Absent, Jen Gorman, John Ehardt.

Fr. Ray opened meeting with prayer at ~ 6:35

Guest Bill Jenkins from Finance Council was introduced.

Pete announced Jen retired as secretary and Bonnie will be taking that position.

August minutes approved with corrections October agenda approved with additions.

Guest Comments

Finance Council Bill Jenkins spoke to us about Commitment Sunday.

The hope is to encourage parish to increase envelope income 5-7%.

Commitment cards have been handed out during mass and are to be placed in collection or returned to the office. Bill reported that we are currently down 8,300 in revenue from last year.

Bill suggested a possible solution could be to captivate visitors by offering more mass times/ being open more?

Fr. Ray stated ushers are recording attendance at all masses and we are down in attendance but have had many new families joining the church. Many words were exchanged about mass times and mass changes. A decision was made to place topic on hold until February.

Finance Council will update us with a report on the progress of Commitment Sunday Cards.

Vince Balog is the liaison between Pastoral council and the Finance council.

Faith Formation

Monica presented faith formation on The Examination of Conscience as written in the book 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley.

The examination of conscience [also called the examen] should be made sometime toward the end of the day. Most people make it shortly before going to bed. To make the examen, first we should put ourselves in the presence of God. In other words, we should begin with the attitude that the examen is a time of prayer, not just a mental exercise. Devoutly making the Sign of the Cross may be enough to do this. Next we just have to remember one word: **BAKER**. We need to remember what each letter stands for. **B stands for Blessings**. Here we simply review our day, identify the blessings God has given us, and then praise and thank him for those blessings. The key is to let our heart roam about and settle on a particular peak of joy and blessing of the day. We also need to remember to thank God for the crosses of the day, which are also blessings. If we get into the habit of praise and thanksgiving God like this every day then we will begin to better see the blessings as they happen, and thus, we'll develop a continual attitude of gratitude. In other words, our praise and thanksgiving will flow all day long not just at the time we do an examen. As God sees our efforts to recognize and thank him for his many gifts, he'll send us more and more.

A stands for Ask here we need to ask for a special grace from the Holy Spirit, the grace to recognize our sins. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, we'll remain blind to our sinfulness. Thus when we get to this second point, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize our sinfulness, which brings us to the next point.

K stands for kill. Why kill? Because it was our sins that killed and crucified Jesus. During this point, we look at our sinfulness (weaknesses and attachments, too) so again we gaze across the hours of the day. We look not for peaks but valleys, we pay attention to those times during the day when our hearts dropped. This maybe because of someone else's sin, when they said something unkind to us. Ok did we forgive them? If so, good. If not, the examen is a good time to deal with that. After remembering the times our heart may have dropped we may feel down. This may make us want to run away from Jesus. But this is the best time to go to Jesus sins and all- which brings us to the next point.

E stands for Embrace. This is to allow Jesus to embrace us, sinners that we are, with the rays of his merciful love. While praying over this point it may be helpful to think of the Image of Divine Mercy. At this point we give Jesus the joy of being our Savior. When we do this we greatly console Jesus, when we simply let him embrace us with his merciful love- and of course we too are consoled. Fr. Gaitley recommends spending time to linger on this point before moving to the next.

R stands for Resolution. During this last point of the examen, we take what we have learned from the previous points and look ahead to the next day, ready to make resolutions. For instance having recognized during "K" that we may have struck someone with a verbal barb, we may resolve that tomorrow morning, we will make it up to that person by congratulating him on how his football team did earlier in the evening. Also, remembering that we were impatient during the traffic jam today, we can resolve to bite our tongues if the sea of brake lights appears again tomorrow.

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fr. Ray offered a challenge to the Pastoral Council. He desires us to be leaders in the community. We should bring in input from others about how we the church are doing. We should be doing this year round. Ask people to join RCIA, be active in First Fridays, inspire others to get things (projects) done. Fr. Ray was thankful for the group of guys that saved possibly 10 thousand on the drainage project.

OLD BUSINESS

Update from Sue Noble, DFF- CTK currently has 42 Faith Formation students who are K-8th grade on wednesday nights @ 6:15-7:30. A trial for Senior High Youth Group was offered Oct 23rd after sunday mass. Many events have been combined with area churches: The corn maze had 50+ youth in attendance. Mass and Dinner with Fr. Jarvis at IC had 20+ youth. TC scavenger hunt 50+youth. CTK is hosting halloween bonfire with s'mores and a whole lot more Sunday, Oct 30 5:30-7:30. Sue is working on inviting Fr. Ben or Fr. Jarvis to come to CTK for dinner and to talk with the youth. RCIA had inquiry meeting and will start class Oct 23 @ 11:30. Adult Faith formation Bible Study meets Tuesdays 11-1 Scripture Study meets Wednesdays @ 9. Sacramental prep begins Jan 2017, The youth will celebrate Communion and Confirmation and Reconciliation on Sunday of Memorial weekend at 3:00 CTK facility usage request forms 2016-2017 have been implemented by Sue. The form includes area needed, equipment needs, set up needs and checklist for closing up the building after use. Reservations need to be made early as more groups are wanting to use this facility. All groups must use request forms. A fee for using the facility was discussed and it should be followed up on at a later meeting. Sue has witnessed doors left open and lights left on. We have many groups using this area. The groups are using the facilities for free and utilizing the paper products that are an expense to the church. Sue announced that we will be having Safe Harbor for the first time and helpers and donations are needed.

Update/Input from Director of Liturgy & Music, Mark Tafelsky-given by Mary Neison

Worship aides update- cost of song sheets with licence fees and paper are estimated at 919.36 per year. Mark's time is an important factor as he is standing at the copier doing this job for hours at a time. Gaylord does a worship booklet one month at a time. Our Bishop may come out with a process for approved music hymnal. This topic has been tabled until diocese of Gaylord comes out with an approved hymnal.

Update/Input from Evangelization-Monica Reported positive feedback from many at Sept and Oct First Fridays. Corporal Works of Mercy team made personal calls to invite people on ministry list. Monica reported this made it more personal, and they plan to continue inviting people by personal phone calls. Next First Friday Scheduled for Nov. 4th. Offered for the intention of the Corporal Work of Mercy "Visit the Sick" Dec 2nd intention is for the intention of Bury the Dead..

Update/Input from Building and Grounds Committee-John thanked all who helped with the drainage project. Stations of the Cross are under way.

CTK Directory-3 Photographers have started taking photos and are available after most masses. It was discussed that a schedule needs to be in place for appointments and workers/volunteers need to have someone to report to and know what is expected of them. 2 people are needed after each mass to help the process run smoothly. Sue Noble volunteered to be the manager of the helpers, Annette and Bonnie offered to be helpers.

CTK Communication update-a email blast was sent out to parishioners and some said they did not receive. Betz and Pete are looking into the problem. We are also trying to combine texts into the same system and send info about all parish happenings.

Parish Picnic Report- John reported all worked out well and thanked all the people who made it happen.

Flow Chart/Org chart-This document originally came from St Pats, the intention is to direct/help/show possible positions to volunteer? The current document is in need of corrections and Monica and Sue have teamed up to fix it

NEW BUSINESS.

Faith Formation next meeting will be presented by Mary Neison

Next Meeting- Nov 8th

Pete Assigned us homework-We are to look at CTK mission statement, Contemplate and Pray about how well we are living up to the church's mission statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the parishioners of Christ The King Parish, Diocese of Gaylord, are called by our Baptism to share and live out the Word of God, utilizing our Time, Talents and Treasures. As a Eucharistic People, we reach out to our brothers and sisters by welcoming all to fully participate in Christian Growth and Worship in our Parish, local community and world.

CTK Celebration- Nov 19th after Saturday mass. A Potluck is planned.

Sue, Vince, Mary, Bonnie are volunteers.

Bonnie closed meeting in prayer around 8:40.