

CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2016

Present: Annette Andres, Bonnie Babcock, Vince Balog, Karen Byrne, John Ehardt, Monica Gregosky, Sue Noble, Pete VanBerlo

Absent: Fr. Ray, Jen Gorman, Jim Keedy,

Opening prayer was said to start meeting at 6:30 p.m. March minutes and April agenda approved.

FAITH FORMATION

Sue distributed the NATIONAL REVIEW document “Pope Francis on Love, Marriage, and the Family” by George Wejigel-April 8, 2016,

Sue distributed “The NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER post by Jimmy Akin 4/8/16 at 10:51 AM. This covers “The Pope’s New Document on Marriage: 12 Things to Know and Share.

Sue discussed the highlights of the first 4 of the 12 subjects of Pope Francis’s New Document on Marriage that was posted by Jimmy Akin.

Subjects covered were:

- 1) What are the basic facts about the document? It is called Amoris Laetitia (Latin, “the joy of love”), and it is what is known as a “post-synodal apostolic exhortation”).
- 2) What subjects does the document cover? The document that is 255 pages long and covers a wide array of topics connected with the family in today’s world. In his own summary of its contents, Pope Francis explains: 1. I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. 2. I will then examine the natural situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality.

- 3) I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. 4. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. 5. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality (AL 6).
- 4) What does the document say about homosexuality? It says very little. It notes that same-sex unions "may not simply be equated with marriage" (AL52). It also says: "During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives.

For further information read the documents Sue provided and for even more detail to read the complete document available on line.

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Since Pastor Ray was not present for meeting, it was discussed Mondays are not always best option to hold meetings for Pastor. Since the CHRP retreats are completed, consensus was to go back to Tuesday meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Update from Sue Noble, DFF-RCIA - The parish welcomed 3 candidates at Easter Vigil. There were 21 students receiving 1st Reconciliation, 23 receiving sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on Sunday April 3 had fifteen children participating.

There will be a retreat this weekend and the students are making a loaf of Bread on the retreat weekend.

There is a Church Tour and practice for First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Christ the King Church on April 28th.

Celebration of First Communion and Confirmation will be Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

Current Faith Formation Topics are Vacation Bible School, Beach gatherings.

Sue said Pete and Pam are doing a great job with the middle school.

High School students designed a sweatshirt to show unity when traveling. "We are the hands and feet of Christ." There was a discussion of where to get the shirts made. Some suggested: Career Tech Center (CTK) and Jentees.

Sue discussed: Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund Raiser and council agreed to go forward with it.

Co-Business Managers- Unable to attend, therefore nothing new to report.

Parish Evangelization Team Update- Monica provided an update: Deacon Kevin led the new Faith Formation discussion of the book, “Forming Intentional Disciples” by Sherry A. Weddell.

Corporal Works of Mercy (CWM) project, the Evangelization Team discussed the results of our outreach emails and phone calls. Sue had great success with response to her email and her group is setting up a date to clean up St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery. Sue reported the Teens put together personal grooming kits and delivered them to Safe Harbor. Monica reported she toured the Father Fred Foundation Buildings and received a great overview of the resources they provide. Three of the parishioners Monica contacted said they would contact Father Fred Foundation to volunteer in the Food Resource area. Members of the Evangelization Team will attend the presentation by Fr. Norm Dickson, SJ Thursday 4/14/16 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King. The topic is Pope Francis: How does Jesuit (Ignatian) spirituality influence him and how can it influence us?

Carpet: There was a discussion of potential replacement of some carpet for the lower level and it was decided to wait until after the women’s CRHP retreat.

Building & Grounds Committee Update: Pete reported on the issue of ruts in the ground near the Stations of the Cross in the grassy area. The toilet in the Men's bathroom moves somewhat and will be fixed.

Church Signs- Vince reported he will follow up regarding the renovations on the main sign for Christ the King Parish.

Hospitality - Karen reported there are no updates on new parishioners. She did not receive information. Sue said a father with three children came up to her at Mass and said he was looking for a parish friendly to children and is happy he came to Christ The King Church!

There was a discussion of Teens having a Youth Center location and room usage. John will discuss with Father Ray. Members also discussed and idea of having a Foosball table on wheels.

Data Gathering- John reported we need to do a better job of tracking attendance. Based on the data we have it appears attendees per week in 2012 were 630; 2013: 606; 2014: 575; 2015: 525. There was a discussion of the reasons for attendance dropping. They will continue to discuss and get accurate attendance numbers going forward.

Mass Times: There was a discussion of keeping Mass times at 10:00 a.m. or going back to 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the fall.

New PC Members - There was discussion of scheduling and announcing nominations of new parish Council members. There are three vacancies to fill because the terms for Vince, Jim and Karen will be ending in June. The last meeting for out-going PC members is June and the first meeting for in-coming PC members is July.

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Parish Communication: It was discussed that Glen Reicht does video production.

There was further discussion of name tags for PC members and Evangelization Team members to wear during social gatherings either as necklaces or with magnets.

Pictorial Directory- Val Wyman should be added to the team for the Pictorial Directory: Terry Newton, Zach Endres, Diane Drowgoski, Jill LaCrosse, and Cathy Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS

PC Faith Formation- Monica will provide for May. Annette will provide for June.

PC Meeting Date - It was agreed in May we will return to our second Tuesday of the Month meeting schedule.

Group comments - The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is very well received with many children participating and parishioners in the pews smiling.

Vince distributed a sacred Divine Mercy image and program that was used at one of the TC parishes.

The meeting was closed in prayer for the grace to be Merciful to others around 8:40 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm.