

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes  
January 9, 2007

Attendees: Carol Buerman, Cathy Schwenk, Cheryl Hermann, Sr Doris Faber, Elaine Kennett, Fr. Jeff Fleming, Jacquie Hofmann, John Williams, Linda Zarko, Nolan Frame, Richard Bishop, Robin Ammons, Rosemary Tackes, Sue Monroe, Valerie Wilcox, Weber Greiser, Michelle McCue

Absent: Ali Dombrowski, Bill Raymond, Joan Hoedel, Joyce Dombrowski, Kathy Cross, MaryLouise Knapp, Kristen Hangas, Mark Hermann, Amber Henning, Jimmy Woolyhund

Kathy Cross was scheduled to lead the opening prayer, but was ill and unable to attend, so Jacquie Hofmann led the opening prayer.

**Old Business:**

- Fr Jeff shared information from the Finance Committee, reporting that December had been a good month for revenue, and the revenue is currently \$27,000 under budget.
- The repairs to 517 University are coming along well and should come in on budget. The basement wiring and electrical work is nearly completed. Repairs are estimated to be complete in 5-6 weeks.
- Father Jeff has updated the website to include the Pastoral Council Bylaws, Constitution and minutes of this year's meetings. Most members of the Council have given permission to include their names on the website. Cathy Schwenk will contact the remaining members regarding permission to include their names on the website.
- Carol Buerman presented cost and possible designs should we decide to purchase nametags for council members to wear at Mass. Also possible that the Finance Council and RE teachers would wear nametags. Cost per nametag will range from \$4.75 to \$8.75 each. More discussion will follow next month.

**New Business:**

1. Council chair began discussion about the ability of the Council to act in recent months. Due to a variety of circumstances, Council has rarely had a quorum since June, 2006. The lack of participation has made it difficult to move on a variety of issues, and also challenging to complete the work needed in the spring months. Two proposals were made to the group present:
  - a. The group is requested to set aside item IB of the pastoral council by-laws (requiring ten members be present for a quorum) for the next five meetings and to make decisions based on the group present at each meeting. This clause will be on hold only for a limited period, ending in May 2007.
    - Council members agreed to work this spring based on the members present at each meeting. The caveat was added by Nolan Frame that at least seven members of Council must be present. This was accepted by the group.
  - b. The second proposal made to the Council was to identify two subgroups to assume responsibility for preparation and development of materials for the two primary projects slated for Council action this spring:
    - revision of the membership sections of the by-laws, and
    - development of a framework for implementing the strategic goal of making Christ the King parish a more open and hospitable community by June 2007.

These subgroups will be responsible for meeting independently and developing the materials needed. These materials will be shared with the whole council for comment at the February meeting, with the goal of refining the materials and presenting them to Council for adoption

at the March meeting (this time frame may "slide" a month, depending upon the individual project).

Council members present agreed to adopt this format for moving forward.

2. A discussion followed in the large group regarding what was meant by the term "Hospitality". The significant conclusion of the discussion is that it is critical that in going forward to plan the implementation of "Hospitality", we understand that we are not talking about the cordial reception of guests, but rather seeking to grow the fundamental orientation that hospitality is a transforming quality that helps to build community. It includes
  - o welcoming new members
  - o breaking down barriers
  - o growing in sense of belongingness
  - o growing in knowing one another.

A small committee was formed to identify how to implement our goal of becoming a more "More Welcoming, Stronger, All Inclusive Community".

Sub-committee members include

- o Cathy Schwenk
- o John Williams
- o Valerie Wilcox
- o Cheryl Hermann
- o Rosemary Tackes

3. Another subcommittee was formed to address amending the bylaws, particularly in regards to the issue of membership. Some of the topics to be addressed include:
  - o Should membership in the Pastoral Council include members from other parish committees?
  - o What happens when members fail to attend meetings on a regular basis?
  - o Issues regarding quorum for voting?
  - o What should the selection process entail?

Subcommittee members include Carol Buerman, Weber Greiser and Jacquie Hofmann.

4. Kevin Fredenburg from the Finance Council joined the group for a presentation from Father Carl Deitchman on "Strategic Pastoral Planning Process". Christ the King has decided to embark on a long term planning process. Fr Deitchman will be the facilitator of the process, scheduled to be implemented this spring. A steering Committee will be formed, consisting of members of the Parish Team, Finance, and Pastoral Council. An agenda and meeting schedule were presented. Written information about the strategic planning process will be sent to all members unable to be present at the meeting. All members of these groups are invited to join in this process. Other active and involved members of the parish may also be invited to join. Those interested are instructed to contact Fr Fleming regarding their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13. Weber Greiser will lead the prayer.