

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes  
September 12, 2006

Attendees: Bill Raymond, Carol Anderson (new candidate), Cheryl Hermann, Elaine Kennett, Fr. Jeff Fleming, Jacquie Hofmann, John Williams (new candidate), Joyce Dombrowski, Kathy Cross, MaryLouise Knapp, Nolan Frame, Rosemary Tackes (new candidate), Valerie Wilcox (new candidate), Weber Greiser  
We did not have a quorum at this meeting.

Also attending were Fr. Mike Drury from Anaconda and Sr. Rita McGuinness from the Diocese of Helena

Jacquie Hofmann led the opening prayer.

MaryLouise Knapp read the mission statement.

Sr. Rita led the discussion for the evening.

1. We discussed the historical perspective of parish councils, the canon law regarding parish councils, and the Acts of the Synod of the Diocese of Helena. These guidelines are to be followed by parishes in the Diocese of Helena.
2. We discussed the need for a mission statement, which Christ the King already has.
3. We discussed the strengths and weaknesses of our council group.
4. We determined the need for a goal for our specific parish. We discussed what each of us thought would be the “hearts desire” of Christ the King parish—what we thought the parishioners as a whole would most like this parish to reflect and how this goal ties in with our mission statement.
5. After determining the need for a specific parish goal, the council needs to develop strategies to meet that goal.
6. The council’s responsibility is to determine a parish goal and the define ways to achieve that goal. It is up to various parish groups to assist the council and the parish in achieving that goal.

Sr. Rita had two books with her for reference:

1. Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council, by Mary Ann Gubish and Susan Jenny S.C.
2. Four Ways to Build More Effective Parish Councils, Mark Fischer and Mary Margaret Raley

These books will be available in the parish library.

Based on the above, the following was decided:

Rosemary Tackes has the recent parish surveys that we will use to determine the parish “heart’s desire”. These will be distributed to all pastoral council members prior to next meeting. Each member is also asked to think about what they think is the “hearts desire” of Christ the King before next meeting. At he next meeting, we will choose a goal and begin to plan objectives to meet that goal for the coming year.

The new attendees were invited to join the pastoral council. All accepted except Valerie Wilcox who stated that she would rather do a doer than a planner.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Kennett