

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Attendees: Michelle McCue, Fr Jeff Fleming, Weber Greiser, Valerie Wilcox, Elaine Kennett, Dave Peterson, Steve Strothman, Kevin Fredenberg, Paraic Neibergs, Jim Streeter, Judy Fredenberg, Jeff Bretherton, Richard Bishop, Cathy Schwenk, Bill Raymond, John Williams, Sue Monroe, Cheryl Hermann, Christine Whitlatch, Kathy Cross, Sr Doris Faber, Mary Louise Zapp Knapp, Carol Buerman, Charles Horesji

Absent: Jennifer Blood, Ryan Johnson, Willa Rector, Nick Shull

Carol Buerman led the council in opening prayer.

Old Business:

May minutes approved without amendments.

New Business

Reports from CTK Councils, Committees and Groups

Finance Council

Dave Peterson shared income statement for 2006-2007 and proposed budget for 2007-2008. Diocese has approved 2007-2008 budget. Financial updates in bulletin show a deficit of \$19,000 to date, however 06-07 expenses will be less than budgeted resulting in a projected net income of \$2462. Offertory goal for 07-08 is \$7171/week. This is a slight increase over \$7016 for 06-07. Dave and Fr Jeff responded to budgetary questions regarding audits, CCM stipend, personnel, Religious Education, communication, financial gifts to parish and the relationship between the parish and the Diocese as it relates to assets and liabilities.

Capital Campaign

Kevin Fredenberg praised Fr Jeff for his involvement in and expertise with financial matters of the parish. Kevin explained that the Building Committee disbanded once the building was complete. The estimated cost of the building was \$1M with an actual cost closer to \$1.25M due to various factors including building requirements and additional projects. CTK has \$214,00 in Charitable Gift Annuity account and a debt of \$699,000. Payments on this \$485,000 debt begin in January 2008. This debt is amortized over 15 years with an interest rate of 6.5% for an estimated monthly payment of \$4250. If CTK does not retire the debt early, parish will incur \$275,000 in interest. Kevin explained that the recent change in the Charitable Gift Annuity policy will impact the ability of parishioners to receive a tax benefit by donating to the building fund. Currently 20% of the parish contribute 80% of the funds towards retiring this debt, a statistic that is mirrored in Offertory contributions. Kevin would like to see the debt retired in 6-7 years. If each of the 750 families registered at CTK gave \$10/month, the

debt would be erased quickly. Mary Louise Zapp Knapp proposed forming a PC sub-committee to help FC with fundraising to retire the debt. Kevin was enthusiastic about this possibility.

Service Group

Judy Fredenberg spoke about the CTK Service Group. This small group began in 1981 under the guidance of Edna Kinsella. Their first event was a Pancake Breakfast which continues to this day. Other events include a funeral luncheon calling tree, coffee hour, rummage sale, Christmas bazaar, and the reception following Easter Vigil. The Service Group has purchased a sound system for the Lower Center using funds raised through their various activities.

Stewardship Council

Jim Streeter spoke about the newly formed Stewardship Council. Stewardship is simply living a Christian life and sharing our God-given time, talent and treasure. With 12 members and four meetings under their belt, this council is developing tools to help parishioners recognize their talents. The picnic on June 4 was the first function of the SC and was well attended despite a little rain. The Stewardship Council plans to develop a "Welcome Package" for new members, create a "Talent Tree," and develop different methods of communication.

Moms, Salt & Pepper, Feed Your Faith, Marriage Enrichment

Sister Doris briefly described the typical members of these groups and the wide variety of needs they meet in our parish.

RCIA

Charles Horesji shared his experiences of RCIA. After many years of volunteering, Charles and Gloria will be stepping down. Several parishioners are considering volunteering their time with RCIA.

By-laws

There were no responses or comments on the changes to the By-Law of the Pastoral Council. They now will be sent to Bishop Thomas for ratification.

Appointment of 2007-2008 Chair and Vice-chair

Cathy Schwenk will serve as Chair and Christine Whitlatch will serve as Vice-Chair during 2007-2008. Together with Fr Jeff they will set the PC agenda during the week following the monthly PC meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10 at 6:00 PM. This will be at the Parish House. Steve Strothman will lead us in prayer.

Closing prayer

Carol Buerman

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle McCue