

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Attendees: Michelle McCue, Fr. Jeff Fleming, Paraic Neibergs, Bill Raymond, Cheryl Hermann, Christine Whitlatch, Sr. Doris Faber, Ryan Johnson, Steve Strothman, Sue Monroe, Kirsten Hansas, Richard Bishop

Joining and Prayer

Father Jeff led the council in opening prayer. Christine Whitlatch shared a Scripture reading with the council.

Updates

Homecoming Breakfast

Kirsten Hansas reported that the 2nd annual Homecoming Breakfast was successful. The students had fun and strengthened their relationships with parishioners. Jeff suggested that next year we offer tours of CTK for alumni and council discussed different ways of contacting alumni for this purpose. Michelle suggested using Sacramental record books as source for contacting alumni.

SEARCH weekend

Kirsten Hansas reported that the Fall SEARCH was very successful. A highlight was the attendance of 4 students from the Dillon campus. Jeff said that upon their return to Dillon, These students have energized the campus with their SEARCH fueled enthusiasm. Kirsten also pointed out the benefit of the new building. SEARCH occurred with little to no interference with other parish activities, which was the hope when it was built.

Stewardship Renewal

Father Jeff reported that the September Time & Talent sign-up was very successful, with 250 forms returned. All data has been entered and CTK TEAM members are anxious to use the data in their ministries. This data was used for the Eucharistic Minister training recently held at CTK.

Pastor's Updates

Dashboard

Father Jeff shared the concept of a "Dashboard" check. CTK TEAM members have been in a Strategic Planning process with Fr Carl Deitchman and have used the "Dashboard" indicator as part of the planning process. The "Dashboard" indicators the CTK TEAM chose as the most important areas of focus for the upcoming year were: Sunday Liturgy attendance, number of parishioners involved in Liturgical Ministries and the variety of Liturgical Ministries parishioners participate in, amount of Sunday collection, debt status, and parish involvement in Faith Formation and RE. As part of this process baselines were established and we recently compared these baselines with current data. The results follow:

Sunday Liturgy Attendance

Summer 2007 (baseline)	October 2007
5:15 = 150	5:15 = 123
9:00 = 125	9:00 = 245
11:00 = 150	11:00 = 260
7:00 = 50	7:00 = 75

Father Jeff commented that the October figures are skewed due to the Veteran's Day holiday and Griz football games.

People involved in Liturgical Ministries and variety of Liturgical Ministries

55 lectors, 85 Eucharistic Ministers, 21 Musicians and 60 greeters.

The trend is up, although this particular "Dashboard" is difficult to track.

Sunday collection

October 2006, our collection was under budget \$28,000. October 2007, our collection is under budget \$10,000.

Debt

CTK debt on the Newman Center is \$439,000. Previously we thought the debt was \$500,000. CTK debt on the Rectory is \$95,000.

Faith Formation/RE

In January of 2007, 56 families were registered for RE. Currently there are 69 families registered for RE. 27 young adults are going through Confirmation, which will be collaboration with St. Anthony. In 2006, 3-5 high school students participated in Youth Group. Currently 18-20 high school students are participating in Youth Group. Jeff believes that changing the meeting dates to weekly has positively impacted attendance at Youth Group, as well as the hiring of a Youth Intern, Gio Blood.

Father Jeff challenged Pastoral Council members to establish their own "Dashboard" to begin the process of looking at CTK long-range planning (5 year plan). Christine mentioned tracking the various age groups in our parish. Steve added that he sees a need to serve the 20-30 year old age group. Kirsten spoke about Doug Tooke, recently hired by the Diocese to serve our youth, including young adults. Some programs that are being considered are the Theology on Tap and Cana Community.

Heating System

Father Jeff detailed need to repair pneumatic system for the 41 year old boiler. It will need to be replaced with a system like that in the new building. The boiler itself is not in need of repair. This is a complicated and necessary repair that will cost \$33,000. The Diocese will loan CTK the money to make these repairs. The new thermostats will be programmable and will be monitored from ElectroControl.

Old Business

Approval of September minutes

Paraic moved to approve the minutes without changes, Cheryl seconded the motion. September minutes were approved without changes.

Video

Christine found the amount of paperwork in the video overwhelming, but the message good. Paraic feels that our Welcome Table is inadequate and that we need to find a dedicated space for this important component of hospitality. Steve felt strongly that the Welcome Table be upstairs and suggested we acquire an awning to cover it when used outside. Steve also pointed out that the parish in the video is huge compared to CTK. Christine added that the parish in the video does not have to consider weather issues like we do. She suggested that various groups at CTK rotate responsibility for manning the Welcome Table. Christine felt that since we already have dedicated space in the holders in the front of the church, we should make more of an effort to use that space for Hospitality and make people aware of the resources available there. Jeff mentioned that the Stewardship Council suggested a virtual Welcome Table on the CTK website. Furthermore, Jeff said that we have found students are more likely to take information from an unattended table than one that is manned. This virtual Welcome Table would be very appealing to them. Christine asked where we should go with the Stewardship Council is concerned. Jeff would like the Pastoral Council to focus on long range planning. This will require collaborating with the Finance Council and Stewardship Council. Nonetheless, the Pastoral Council will address hospitality in the sense that who we are as a parish IS hospitality.

New Business

Come to the Light

Father Jeff postponed this discussion until a later meeting since we did not have a quorum. Jeff described the process behind the creation of this document and his involvement in that process as a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Ultimately the Diocese will launch a capital campaign as a result of this long-range planning process.

December meeting

Father Jeff noted that according to the by-laws, our November meeting should have been a Town Hall meeting. Christine suggested doing so in December. Jeff suggested that we invite representatives from various parish groups to join us at that meeting. Kirsten will contact FOCUS, Doris will contact Martha Ministry, Bill will contact Men's Spirituality Group and Christine will contact MOMS group. The December meeting will be a potluck of treats on December 11 with Steve Strothman as the prayer leader.

Directory

Almost done. Updated database will be included. We may have addendum due to lateness of directory.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 11 AT 6:30 PM

Potluck-bring a treat to share.

Steve Strothman-prayer leader.

Town Hall format with representatives from FOCUS, Martha Ministry, Men's Spirituality Group and MOMS group joining us.

Closing Prayer-Father Jeff

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle McCue