

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Attendees: Cathy Schwenk, Christine Whitlatch, Valerie Wilcox, Joan Hoedel, Sue Monroe, Joan Bartkowski, Steve Strothman, Sr. Doris Faber, Paraic Neibergs, Jeff Bretherton, Fr. Jeff Fleming, Ryan Johnson, Jennifer Blood, Richard Bishop, Cheryl Hermann

Gathering

The council met in room 219 instead of the lower center due to U-Nite

Joining and Prayer

Jeff Bretherton led the council in prayer.

Updates

CCM

Ryan and Jen reported on upcoming activities for students this semester.

- Size of U-Nite continues to grow and maintain about 25-30 students. Jen stated that this is something that has happened on its own without a lot push by the interns, which is exciting.
- A men's and women's 24hr retreat is scheduled
- Capture the Flag is scheduled for April 5th at Noon. Encouraged parish members to attend.
- U-Nite has been revamped this semester to focus more on student's passions.
- Golf Tournament will be May 3rd. This will be a fundraiser for the Guatemala trip.
- 10 students are currently interested in the Guatemala mission trip and there will be a discernment process to determine who will be going.
- The annual fundraiser for the Poverello Center is April 19th at 6:30. The theme will be Italian.
- Catholic 101 will start on February 13th on campus at the UC. This is an opportunity for students to explore and question their Catholic faith and what it means to them.
- Attempting to make more of a presence on campus. Are using the Kaimin to advertise.

The council had the opportunity ask questions regarding student interest and also requested that activities be posted in the bulletin three weeks in advance so families can plan to attend.

Jeff's Updates

- Heating system is up and running. Meeting with the tech person tomorrow to set up the computer system so that the temperature can be controlled by computer.
- Jeff shared his experience in Guatemala and that interns are hoping to take a trip in May to the mission for the experience. He shared that it was an eye opening experience and that Bishop Thomas is very supportive of the mission and plans to visit every other year.
- Jeff shared that the heating system is up and running. He is meeting tomorrow with the tech to set up the computer program so that the heat can be controlled by accessing the computer.
- The elevator is now fixed.
- Jeff shared his thoughts regarding the Mardi Gras and that he felt it went well and was a fun environment. No report on the amount of donations yet. There was discussion about the clean up and that there was a poor turnout. It was disorganized and took much longer than needed. Fr. Jeff asked that this information be shared with the Stewardship committee at the next meeting.

Old Business

Cathy asked if there are any revisions or additions to the January minutes. None so the minutes were accepted.

Come to the Light – Group finished review of the Come to the Light.

Pastoral Council Long Term Goals- Jeff led a brainstorming discussion regarding CTK's long term goals and the goals of the Pastoral Council. Asked the following three questions:

1. Imagine for a moment that you were a first time visitor attending Mass at Christ the King and you looked around. What would be the major thoughts describing the impression of your visit?
2. As a registered parishioner what would you say is the one most important thing we should do to improve our parish?
3. How would this improvement benefit the entire parish community?

The following are the group's responses to the questions:

Major thoughts describing a first visit to Christ the King

- Stark environment-no personality-no visuals
- Very alive
- Non-threatening-comfortable
- Open structure
- Active community-but not quite sure how to get involved
- Ministry seems disorganized
- Gathering space-utilize the cubbies and bulletin boards
- You can breath-free
- Stark environment allows focus on why we are here
- Family friendly
- Inviting-theater setting is good
- Genuinely like each other
- Different from others
- Easy going-friendly
- Community based
- Involvement
- Wonderful music
- Family experience
- Diversity
- Faith is alive

One item we can do to improve Christ the King

- Better communication
- Hospitality
- How do we reach out-to those alone and whom we don't know? How can we make them feel welcome but not overwhelm them
- More knowledge provided to the members-of the various parish groups as well as a better awareness of what CCM is doing
- Empowering others to do

New Business

Please read the preface and prologue of the workbook, "Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council.

Review the CTK mission statement and Diocese mission statement

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR March 11th AT 7:00 P.M in Room 219

Jen Blood- will lead prayer

Cheryl Hermann will provide treats

Closing Prayer- Jeff Bretherton

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski

Parish Secretary