

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Attendees: Cathy Schwenk, Christine Whitlatch, Valerie Wilcox, Carol Buerman, Sue Monroe, Joan Bartkowski, Steve Strothman, Sr. Doris Faber, Paraic Neibergs, Bill Raymond, Jeff Bretherton, Fr. Jeff Fleming

Gathering

The council met at 6:45 for a gathering.

Joining and Prayer

Carol Buerman led the council in prayer.

Updates

Jeff's Updates

- Heating system upgrade is almost complete. The new system will allow the staff to control the temperature by computer.
- Welcome Potluck- Lots of new faces and there was a good turnout. Suggestion for next potluck would be to change seating arrangement to a more banquet style so that families can interact more.
- The first payment for the loan on the Neuman Center is due this month. We have enough funds to pay until summer. A committee has been formed to spearhead campaign for fund raising. Christmas donations were increased this year. We have a deficit of 4,900 compared to 11, 000 last year.
- The Diocese is moving forward with the 12 million Capital Campaign. There will not be a DOP program during the campaign for the first year. The company hired to complete the feasibility report will be sending 4-5 of their own staff to live in Montana for a year to help each parish in the diocese reach their goal.
- Jeff is leaving for Guatemala on January 21st with Bishop Thomas and priests to visit our mission there. The hope is that CCM interns will be able to travel to Guatemala in the spring or summer to do a mission. The plan would be for Carroll College and CTK to take turns with the Mission.

- The new date for Confirmation has been set. It will be April 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony. There are 30 CTK students being confirmed.
- Discussed the Christmas season and reported that the added mass was the most attended and that all Christmas Eve masses were well attended. They may make the 4:30 and 7:00 pm mass both more of a children's mass next year.
- The dates for Lent and Easter are early this year. Ash Wednesday is in February and Easter is March 23.
- Jeff encouraged parish members to attend the Rite of Sending for the Candidates and Catechumens on February 12th at Blessed Trinity to show support.

Ann Schillinger gave a presentation regarding the Parish Nurse Ministry and provided a history. She is considering changing the name to Health Ministry so that more folks will use the service and she will be able to recruit more volunteers who are not necessarily nurses. Ann is interested in providing prevention services, coordinating for individuals who need assistance with doctor appointments, need to a ride to pick up meds etc. She will also accompany folks to doctor's visits and will participate in discharge planning. She is available to make presentations to groups about Health Ministry. She also has training in bereavement and was involved with the Advance Directives/ Choices Bank and can provide information to parishioners. She is available to assist parishioners with their health needs.

Old Business

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

New Business

There was a long discussion regarding the vision of the Diocese and how Christ the King fits into that vision. Discussed that many of the areas that the diocese has identified are also identified by CTK. Faith Formation and Campus Outreach were two of the major areas that CTK will focus on. Also discussed the goals of the parish council and how it is intended to be a visionary group for the parish and has the task of setting goals of the parish. Jeff posed the question to each member about how they feel about this task and if they are comfortable with becoming a part of setting goals and visions for the church. Discussed the need for a facilitator to help the council plan for the church. Jeff feels we also need to look at the mission statement and how our visions and goals fit within the mission statement.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 5, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M

Jeff Bretherton- will lead prayer
Paraic will provide treats

New Business- Please finish reading the Come to the Light Book

Closing Prayer- Carol Buerman

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary