

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Attendees: Cathy Schwenk, Carol Buerman , Joan Bartkowski, Steve Strothman, Sr. Doris Faber, Paraic Neibergs, Jeff Bretherton, Fr. Jeff Fleming, Ken Smith, Trina Murphy, Jamie Lockman

Guests: Molly Stockdale, Judy Fredenberg, Becky Neibergs

Absent: Christine Whitlatch, Jennifer Blood, Ryan Johnson

Gathering

The council met at Fr. Jeff's for a potluck prior to meeting. Members of the stewardship council were invited to discuss hospitality.

Joining and Prayer

Steve Strothman led the council in prayer.

I. Updates

A. Fr. Jeff's updates

- Jeff discussed the update on the survey. Sarah Streeter will be assisting in analyzing the results. Jeff spoke with the professor at the university who was initially involved with the survey and found that he charges \$100/hr to analyze the results. Sarah has the identical computer program so she can continue where the university left off.
- Mackenzie Brosious is attending World Youth Day as a representative of the Diocese.

II. Stewardship Council/Pastoral Council

A. Hospitality

The group discussed hospitality issues and recognized the overlap of the stewardship council and pastoral council in some areas especially with hospitality. Judy asked if the Pastoral Council would be willing to share their meeting minutes and vice versa. This way we can maintain a connection between the two councils.

Fr. Jeff proposed two questions for the group:

- How do we improve our efforts to engage people in our parish?
- How do we welcome people and make them feel like they belong?

The group reviewed and discussed the current process of welcoming new parishioners. We have representatives for each ministry that contact those interested in the different ministries. Judy Fredenberg has volunteered to personally contact each new parishioner and welcome them to our parish. One question posed was: How do we recognize new parishioners so that we are aware of who they are? Other suggestions:

- Providing an informational packet vs. registration packet so that new members don't feel pressure to register.
- Talk to new members and ask them what they want.
- Buddy system

The group identified that each liturgy is distinctive and there are a lot of good things that are in place that just need to be energized. Fr. Jeff shared that the parish is purchasing a new database that will be able to generate better stewardship reports than we have now with our current system. We discussed the need for the parish council members to be more visible. Discussed the use of nametags and spotlighting members in the bulletin. Also suggested that we do a slide show of the different ministries and those involved during ministry Sunday.

III. Capital Campaign Kick Off

- A. Picnic- Fr. Jeff shared that the capital campaign kickoff will be the weekend of September 7-8, 2008. There will be a picnic after the 11:15 liturgy. After some discussion there was a consensus that we would only have one liturgy that day and the picnic would be afterward. Fr. Jeff will invite the Bishop and stated that the Bishop has committed to coming to one of the capital campaign meetings. A sub committee was formed including Steve, Trina and Jamie to coordinate for the liturgy and picnic.
- B. Guidance and Giving- The agreement has been signed to hire guidance and giving and we are currently under contract with them. The on site rep will start on August 18th. We are required to provide a car and office space.

We are in the process of putting together the brochure and other mailing materials. The brochure will be full color and we have requested a quote from the Catholic Printery for printing. A letter of support from the Bishop will be included in the brochure. The following is a suggestion for the theme: "Completing a Dream: Forming our Future". Fr. Jeff asked for more suggestions for the theme. Suggestions brought up at the meeting include:

- "Completing a dream: Forging our Future"
- "Completing a dream: Designing our Future"
- "Living our Legacy: Forming our Future"

We have decided to drop the "Mission Possible" theme from our campaign.

Fr. Jeff also wrote a prayer for the campaign and shared it with the group.

Fr. Jeff also discussed the need for a chairperson to lead the following groups. He will send out a "job description" for each committee chair and asked if anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be to let him know.

They are as follows:

- Leadership of Gifts
- Campaign Reception
- Follow Up
- Phone Calling and Mailing (this is not to ask for money but to invite to receptions)
- Campaign Redemption

IV. New Business

- A. Chair/Vice Chair for upcoming year. Cathy asked if anyone is interested in chairing the council for the upcoming year. Cathy was asked if she would serve as chair again and accepted. She will talk with Christine about possibly becoming chair after Cathy because this will be Cathy's last year on the council.

Next Meeting Scheduled: September 9, 2008 at 7:00PM

Prayer Leader: Christine Whitlatch

Treats: Jamie Lockman

Closing Prayer: Steve Strothman

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary