

Christ the King Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Attendees: Michelle McCue, Fr Jeff Fleming, Valerie Wilcox, Paraic Neibergs, Jeff Bretherton, Cathy Schwenk, Bill Raymond, Cheryl Hermann, Christine Whitlatch, Sr Doris Faber, Carol Buerman, Ryan Johnson, Steve Strothman, Jennifer Blood,

Absent: Willa Rector, Nick Shull

Cathy Schwenk led the council in opening prayer.

Old Business:

June minutes approved without amendments.

Updates

Parish picnic had the largest turnout in CTK history. The Knights of Columbus did a great job cooking and were glad to have been asked to help. Fr Jeff posted 60 photos on the CTK website.

Stewardship Renewal kicked off 9/8 & 9/9 and will continue through September. There will be "witness talks" the next two weeks during all Liturgies. 9/16 is Catechetical Sunday and Catechists will be blessed at all Liturgies. Council had positive feedback in response to booklets Fr Jeff created. Fr Jeff expressed goal of transitioning from staff contacts for ministries to parishioner contacts.

New Business

Introductions and Review of PC duties

PC members shared their summer highlights.

Come to the Light

Fr Jeff talked about this Diocesan 5-year plan. Listening sessions began last year in all parishes, progressing regionally and finally resulted in the creation of a "Vision Document." A Strategic Plan has not yet been created from the "Vision Document," but once completed will serve as the lens through which the Diocese will look for the next five years. The Strategic Plan will impact the Pastoral Council's planning process. No long-range planning has occurred in the Diocese for the last 20 years due to the frequent change of Bishops. Cathy Schwenk suggested breaking this book into sections and reviewing it piece by piece during our meetings. We will use this as our introduction in October.

Hospitality Review

The goals and directives for hospitality at CTK were derived from a Stewardship Presentation Fr Jeff attended. Fr Jeff stressed the strong relationship between Stewardship and Hospitality. Council discussed protocol for contacting Council members who miss meetings. Fr Jeff will ask Joan to contact the high school students who have missed PC meetings because of her personal relationship with them. Jen Blood will request a UM PC member via the CCM website (umccm.org). Council discussed the importance of finding a student committed to attending PC meetings regularly. Fr Jeff is working on acquiring nametags for Council members at CTK. Welcome letters are being sent to new parishioners. Christine Whitlatch asked if PC & Stewardship Council members could contact new parishioners to establish a connection. Sr Doris will bring a list of new parishioners to PC meetings going forward for this purpose. Michelle will add an announcement asking current CTK parishioners to introduce themselves, using their names, following Liturgy. Fr Jeff reminded PC that they are always welcome at CCM events. Fr Jeff stated that a new database will be created for Time & Talent so that necessary data can be retrieved easily.

Staff Update

CTK staff enjoyed a retreat at Legendary Lodge. They were joined by the CCM interns for part of the retreat. Fr Carl Diechtman led the staff through a Strategic Planning process which began in February of 2007 and was recently completed. The staff will use this document to guide them and revise when necessary.

Guest Speakers

Council will ask member of Stewardship Council to speak in October and Ann Schellinger, CTK Parish Nurse, to speak in November. The Knights of Columbus were mentioned as a possible speaker later in the year.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9TH AT 6:30 PM.*

*Please note the earlier meeting time. This is to accommodate our viewing of the Stewardship video. We will invite the Stewardship Council to join us. Christine Whitlatch will lead the Council in prayer at that meeting. Steve Strothman will bring goodies to that meeting and we will order pizza for dinner.

Closing prayer

Cathy Schwenk

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle McCue