

**Christ the King Parish
Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019**

Pastoral Council Meeting was called to order in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Fr. Healey presided.

Council members present were: Fr. Healey, Patti Bakaur, Mary Becker, Francine Daggett, Deacon Harney, Abigail Jones, Michael Kondracki, Kathy Laird, Joan Levesque, Deacon Pierce, James Riley, and Sandy Souza.

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Healey.

Minutes were approved.

Faith Formation Area:

The first part of our security plan is working well. At first, the new “locked” procedure was met with some resistance. Some parishioners active in various ministries were resistant to being locked out of our Faith Formation center during our class times. Kathy did speak with the Knights of Columbus and explained the project and reason for the need to keep the Faith Formation secure during our class times. She plans on getting better signage for the area. Kathy also mentioned how the new security cameras are working great. She is able to retrieve sections of the recording if there is an issue. The system records for 30 days before records are recorded over.

Jack asked about what is being planned for security in the parish hall and church. Deacon Pierce asked if other churches have weapons in their church. The use of a panic button at the altar was suggested. St. Patrick’s, in New York, does have an armed person. Kathy asked how having an armed person in the church would affect insurance rate. Council members discussed the value of the security session we had in the summer. Kathy suggested we have a drill with ushers, etc. If proper procedures are practiced, they will be more automatic if/when the need arises to put them into practice.

Parish Team Updates:

Patti gave us an update on the work of the Outreach Team. The group has been meeting about once per month. The meetings are going well. They have gathered a great deal of information. There is a good spirit within the team...great ideas are being exchanged with good input from the members. They are working on coming up with a 5 year plan for the parish.

The Strategic Planning team members are presently reviewing the survey results. They are planning to have a report compiled from survey results and will share with Parish Council in the near future.

Finance Council:

Fr. Healey shared with council members the Finance Council has added two new members...Mary Ann Bombaugh and Diane Davis. Fr. Healey mentioned the concern Finance Council members have with the present assessment eliminating our safety margin/surplus funds. Our income remains steady; however, we've had the unexpected expense of a boiler replacement. Fr. Healey told council members we actually have a small percentage of reliable donors...20% of our households providing 80% of our income. There is a need to inspire non-givers to greater generosity. The Finance Council is pursuing online giving.

Religious Formation:

Kathy reported to Council Members the Confirmation retreat went very well once again this year. They had 5 seminarians as part of the team. They did a great job and the students related to them well. The program had guest speakers this year.... Jim Remillard, Dr. Phil Iuliano and Deacon Pierce is scheduled for a future class.

First Communion preparation is going well. The students have started sitting with their teachers once per month at mass. Francine feels this is helping the students focus on the mass more. She said how our students need to have a purpose; they are being trained to participate in the mass.

Fr. Healey reported the Sunday Adult Bible Study session is completed. He will be having a 6-week session during Lent. It will be available following

our 8:30 Mass and before our 10:30 Mass, also before our 5:30 Mass. The Friday morning sessions will continue.

Sacramental – Liturgical

The Echo program will once again have the Contemporary Stations of the at 4:00 PM on Tuesday of Holy Week in the chapel.

Strove Tuesday there will be additional time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

April 12th will be the Lenten Simple Supper.

Charitable Works

Matthew 25 will have monthly reports in the weekly bulletin. It is hoped these reports will help promote greater awareness of the program. This is a parish program serviced by the St. Vincent de Paul...all can be involved.

New Items:

We have a new sound system in our chapel.

We have new stands for the memorial books in our narthex outside vestry and usher's room. Hymn boards have been ordered for the church. They will be used to list the number for order of the Mass and number for mass readings. They are a gift from our Catholic Woman's Club.

There are plans drawn up to make improvements to our Food Pantry operation. The funding would be from a capital campaign to replace the annual collection. The funds would cover the cost of the improvements to the Food Pantry, new roof and final renovations to St. Jude's Chapel.

Deacon Pierce asked what we are looking at for funding for these projects. Fr. Healey said \$20,000 to finish improvements to St. Jude's Chapel and \$150,000 for the complex roof. It would be approximately 1.5 million to complete these projects and the Food Pantry improvements.

Patti asked about the plans for expansion that were once more involved and complex than what is now planned. Fr. Healey said those plans moving forward are doubtful. The present plan is more realistic financially.

Fr. Healy is working with our Finance Council to develop our Capital Campaign.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM