

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2018

Pastoral Council meeting was called to order in Classroom B at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 29, 2018.

Council members present were: Fr. Healey, Patti Bakaur, Mary Becker, Jeanne Dennis, Jack Donohue, Michael Kondracki, Kathy Laird, Marion Mooney, David Reilly, James Riley, Nick Reilly, Abigail Jones and Sandy Souza.

The opening prayer was lead by Fr. Healey; we prayed a prayer from the late Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador.

The minutes from our June 19th meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Fr. Healey gave members of the council a copy of our financial report. It showed our income the same and our expenses higher than the previous year. Our expenses were higher due to some major expenses: Classrooms were painted, former convent was painted and our chapel was painted. We had some construction work done on the roof of our guest house. New hymnals were purchased. This major expense will save us over the coming years; quarterly misselettes will no longer need to be purchased. We needed to install new AC/Heat units in the parish office and in the second floor of our guest house.

Bud Breault has recently joined our staff, serving as a Business Manager. He is retired from the Barnstable airport and offered to volunteer his services to help resource the turn key cost of our parish operation. Bud will review our service contracts and see what might be done to help control our expenses. \$145,000 to the diocese is a new expense, this is a big issue and has necessitated our going into our parish reserve funds.

Jack questioned what reserves we have. We have a million in our depository fund that we do not touch.

Our parking lot paving cost \$250,000. It will need to be sealed in the next couple of years.

Electronic Giving was discussed briefly. Fr. Healey asked if someone would research this process. The goal would be to get this process up and running within a year.

Summer Raffle:

Fr. Healey mentioned the raffle overall went well. The profit was distributed to various parish ministries: \$5,500 to Catholic Woman's Club, \$4,000 to St. Vincent de Paul, \$4,000 to Knights of Columbus, \$3,000 to Walking With Purpose, \$3,000 to 50+, \$2,500 to Respect Life and \$2,000 to our Scouting program.

Patti mentioned for the future we should promote the raffle more in the community.

Evaluation of additional summer mass at 7:00 AM:

The general consensus was a thumb's up for the additional mass. We may expand the length of time the mass is offered...Memorial Day through Labor Day, rather than July 04 through Labor Day. The average attendance was about 100 people. Only one collection was taken at this mass.

It was mentioned that in some Florida parishes with two collections, they have the second collection immediately after the first. Patti made the suggestion for Fr. Healey to explain the reason for us having two collections. This could be done in the "Pastor's Pen" section of our bulletin.

Change of Status between St. Vincent de Paul Society and Parishes:

Our SVDP needed to file for their own 501C – Non Profit status per regulations of the district office for St. Vincent de Paul. SVDP no longer is under the 501C of parishes. This is a process that needed to be done by all SVDP conferences.

This process also brought our need to change the sign at our Thrift Shop. We needed to have the Thrift Shop listed as Christ the King Parish Thrift Shop. The sign needed to be changed; however, the day to day operation of the shop has not changed.

Ministry – Team Updates:

Strategic Planning – The team has been researching parish statistics....sacramental numbers, mass attendance, contributions etc. Charles Feeney is facilitating the team.

The largest amount of our contributions comes from our budget envelopes. This shows 20% provides for 80 % of our parish income.

28% of our parishioners participate in active parish ministry. This is actually slightly better than average. It was questioned if this increased after our ministry fair. We really don't have a way of measuring if any increase. However, we now have a benchmark to measure any success we might have with future ministry fairs. Fr. Healey told us it is suggested for parishes to have a ministry fair every three years.

Outreach - Patti explained this team is researching how to reach out to lapsed and alienated Catholics. They began meeting the end of August and plan to have their recommendations presented in June 2019. They are presently evaluating different programs that might be helpful. Patti said she is facilitating a great group and all is going well. They plan to reach out to other parishes to see what programs they might be using. Patti said there is a great deal of good information available. Bishop Barron's programs are very good.

Religious Education:

Registration numbers have declined. The Cape shows decline in numbers overall. Young families are leaving the Cape. The program is in good shape with a great group of catechists. Our numbers are smaller in our lower grades and our Confirmation class numbers remain about the same. Home schooling remains an option for families except for sacramental grades. Kathy shared that having our younger students included at homily time has improved attendance with our younger families at the 8:30 mass.

Kathy updated the council on the security project that is being done in increments for our Faith Formation Center. The center needs to be locked during classes. This isn't an issue on Tuesday; however, remains a problem with our Sunday classes. Kathy continues to work on keeping our students safe during classes. The beginning stages have begun for our security cameras. They will be able to record and save records for 30 days. This is stage one of the project. Stage two will be new doors and key pads for our center; this part of the project is still being researched. The concert with our seminarians this past summer helped raise money for purchasing walkie talkies. These will be used by our catechists...all part of our security plan.

Youth Group:

Kathy reported to the council this year's group is a bit smaller; however, they are an enthusiastic and dedicated group. Some of the activities they are planning are a baby toy drive, diaper drive and they would like to do things for the community and the parish. They are interested in doing for others rather than what will be done for them. Some projects already in place are to help with a woman's shelter and to work with the Street Reach program that works with the homeless.

Kathy explained to the council the new CORI process. This process has changed a bit as it is now being run through the diocese rather than the Catholic Social Service. There is a new training program for everyone...priests and lay people.

Miscellaneous/New Business:

Jeanne Dennis mentioned many are confused with our new missals. She would like to ask our woman's club if they would be able to donate some signs that could be used in the church to help guide the congregation to the readings of the day. The general consensus was this would be a nice idea.

Michael Kondracki asked about the "lock down" being done during our Faith Formation classes. We will explore ways we can help with parish activities that will help keep foot traffic out of our center during Sunday classes. Marion mentioned our "Active Shooter" training this past summer was eye opening. Kathy did say how many of our parents are familiar with these types of security; it is routine procedure in our schools. However, for some even the discussion of security creates anxiety. It was suggested we

have information in our bulletin to update parishioners on what the parish is doing for security.

Jack Donohue did share his thought and recommendation of having a person not in uniform and armed at all our masses and events. He respects that everyone may not share the same view. We have, in the past, requested police detail for our Christmas and Easter masses. Fr. Healey asked Jack to prepare and present further information on his suggestion at our next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting: Dec. 04, 2018