

Christ The Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes: August 22, 2006

In attendance: Fr. Sean Mike Conroy Arlene Hawkins
Christine Marté Diana Atchison John Huston
Wayne Kitchens Rosemary Potter Phillip Jackson
Ken Conner Brian Caravantes Charlotte Conner

Absent: Doug Bell Stacie Bradley

- Meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Ken opened the meeting with prayer
- July minutes were corrected and approved. Christine will notify Charlotte that the minutes are approved for posting.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Capital Campaign Update** – The brochure is nearly ready for printing. The first meeting with the Capital Campaign committee went well. Invitations for Parish receptions will be going out soon; receptions to begin after Labor Day. Dan Inman addressed the council by saying the small settings where folks can sit down and discuss our common vision with community members will reap great rewards. It'll be a very busy time and lots of work but well worth it. The brochure is what is going to tell the story about our future. The committee has settled on a monetary goal for the campaign. The campaign will be called "Our Faith – Our Future".
 - b. **Church Building Update** - The building committee, architect and contractor have worked diligently to get things going. Fr. Sean feels blessed to have them all on board. Fr. revealed the drawing of the building; a rendering of the outside as well as the inside. The archdiocesan building committee has approved the drawings. Father intends to continue the stewardship talks at mass this weekend; building on the theme of giving of our time, talent and this week – treasure. 07/07/07 target date for the groundbreaking. Father would like to make a big deal of the groundbreaking and has several ideas to make it very special for the community.
 - c. **Rectory Update** – The archdiocese has also approved the drawings for the new rectory. Fr. Sean hopes to get started soon after Labor Day. Construction should be completed sometime after the first of the year.
 - d. **Yearly Parish Budget** – Fr. Sean distributed copies of the proposed budget for 2006-07. It will be inserted into the bulletin.
- **New Business**
 - a. **Music Town Hall Meeting** – Father thought there was a good turnout and that the outcome was good. He's received good feedback regarding the format. Fr. Sean distributed a memo that Stephen handed out at the staff meeting, outlining several steps that will be taken immediately in response to the comments expressed at the town hall meeting. Fr. Sean felt Stephen did a great job. Council members who attended the town hall meeting agreed. Father will be meeting with

the music ministry team to flesh out concrete solutions to the concerns raised. It's possible that a version of Stephen's memo might be inserted into the bulletin.

- b. **Stewardship Weekend** – There was a very good response to the stewardship weekend. Many cards were turned in and there was a lot of traffic through the community center. It is imperative that the ministries follow up with those who signed up for information. In the past, this is where we lost people. Mike says over the years only 5% of sign-ups have actually joined up. Mike is hoping for a much better return this year. Wayne suggests reminding parishioners that the phone calls won't be immediately forthcoming – it'll take 3-4 weeks. Father agreed and said Sept. 15th was the date to aim for. A liturgical ministers training: "An Evening with the Pastor" is scheduled for Sept. 5th.

- **Open Discussion**

- a. **Food Drive** – Father would like to designate a specific weekend each month as a food drive weekend. Mary Ann Mason has volunteered to coordinate this effort. We'll continue to hold the various themed food drives such as Cereal Sunday etc, possibly coming up with additional themes. But he'd like to do something on a more consistent basis as well.
- b. **Future PPC items** – Fr. Sean had a day-long session regarding the future plans for the RE department. We will invite RE to our September meeting. Ken asks the council members to think about volunteering for the next quarterly PPC social gathering.
- c. **Vacant PPC position** – Peggy Gadjica has resigned from the council. Her spot will remain empty for the time being; to be filled during the discernment process that will take place later this year.
- d. **Prayer** – Wayne has volunteered for prayer for the Sept. meeting.

- Ken closed the meeting with prayer.
- Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.