

## Christ the Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council

**Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2007**

**In attendance:**

<b>Fr. Sean</b>	<b>Arlene Hawkins</b>	<b>Charlotte Conner</b>
<b>Brian Caravantes</b>	<b>Jake Dominguez</b>	<b>Kelli Blankenburg</b>
<b>Wayne Kitchens</b>	<b>John Huston</b>	<b>Phillip Jackson</b>
<b>Ken Conner</b>	<b>Stacie Bradley</b>	<b>Steve Moses</b>
<b>Tim Herbert</b>	<b>Mike Bonin</b>	

**Absent: Christine Marté**

- Meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Stacie opened the meeting with prayer. Brian volunteered to lead the prayer for the April meeting.
- **Unfinished Business**
  - a. February minutes were approved.
  - b. Steve Moses volunteered to have a PPC social at his home.
- **Information Sharing by Fr. Sean / Request for Input**
  1. Capital Campaign / Construction Budget – Tony Schmitt, Finance Committee, provided an overview of the current financial projections for the church. He stated that the current \$10 MM budget will cover all construction and related soft costs (architect and other consulting fees). Funds will come from current savings - \$2 MM, receipts from the campaign - \$5.3 MM, and a loan of \$2.7 MM. Net parish operating income has been factored into the projections assuming a 7% growth in collections and associated expenses due to growth. The current interest rate for the loan is 6.52 %. With all assumptions taken out to 2014 when the loan is paid in full and the parish operating income is factored for all years, the projected ending cash balance is \$220M.
  2. Parish Update:
    - a. Rectory – Expect to move in sometime in April.
    - b. DRE – A search committee has been formed to seek candidates for the job that Fredna is leaving. Jake is on the search committee.
    - c. DRE Assistant – Pat Jezerski is retiring. Hers is another job that will need to be filled.
- **Pastoral Issues / Request for Feedback**

Meeting Space Needs – Nothing was done with the review of meeting space needs. Fr. Sean will send an e-mail to those who volunteered from the last meeting to visit St. Claire (Stacie, Brian and Wayne) to see how they are addressing their space needs.

- **New Business**

1. Review PPC Procedures – Fr. Sean reviewed the PPC model contained in the Archdiocese guidelines. He also provided his vision for the parish as it relates to the PPC. Father spent some time talking about his vision of being a great parish. (Some of the ideas he was expressing came from a popular business book called, Good to Great, by Jim Collins.) Fr. Sean talked about striving for greatness in all areas of parish life because God deserves our very best. As a council, we must think of ways to be a great parish.

Part of striving to greatness is a true commitment to prayer. Kelly suggested a new prayer for our growth in holiness. Father mentioned that this idea is very similar to the parish mission theme that will be given in May.

Steve suggested that as we think about our priorities, we should think about how we really want things to be. We should be asking ourselves how we can always do things in an exceptional way.

2. Strategic Planning Session - John reported that a team consisting of himself, Ken, Brian, Tim and Steve came together to synthesize the information on focus areas for the PPC from the last meeting. John went on to talk about how the team worked together to define in their minds the important areas for the PPC to focus on. John shared a diagram of how the PPC fits within the local church, the dioceses and the universal church. He went onto explain what his team thought to be the key accountabilities for the PPC:
  - a. Provide council / consultation
  - b. Plan
  - c. Prayer, reflection, dialogue, study and research
  - d. Respond to God's call
  - e. Discern how God calls CtR to fulfill its mission

The PPC will accomplish by:

- a. Assessing needs
- b. Being a vehicle of communication, coordination and cooperation with parish committees, ministries and staff
- c. Socialize and share
- d. Pray and develop spiritually

John went onto explain how the team defined the focus areas from the exercise at the last meeting and then set out to define those areas in a "CtR PPC Strategic Planning Document." Following is a list of those strategic areas, with original definitions and then additional ideas provided by the entire PPC (in italics).

**Community:** create a rich internal sense of community that results in parishioners who reach outward into our community in their everyday living and respond to its needs.

- *Proclaim Christ to the world*
- *Mission to ourselves and then outward*

**Faith Formation:** promote the on-going formation of the youngest to the oldest members of our community in all aspects of our faith.

- *deep awareness*
- *appreciation / legacy / orthodox*
- *"in all aspects" may be too broad*

- *personal encounter with Christ the Redeemer*

**Liturgy / Music:** support the pastor's efforts to assure liturgically correct worship.

- *Participative / transformative / vibrant*
- *full, active and conscious participation*
- *encourage participation*

**Social Outreach:** support activities to plan, organize, and implement efforts to promote social justice and peace and to foster a consistent ethic of life.

**Stewardship:** assure that CtR makes stewardship a way of life.

- *Bring in ideas from the Stewardship Mission Statement*

**Vocations:** promote and support the awareness of formation of vocations

- *to sustain our Church*
- *all vocations*
- *the way you live your life is a vocation*
- *includes clergy and laity*
- *focus should be religious vocation*

**Youth Ministry:** develop our youth into Spirit-filled Catholics who live the gospel.

- *and young adult*
- *energized / fun*
- *called anointed and sent*
- *connect close to faith formation*
- *called by virtue of Baptism*

Ken suggested that the team meet again to incorporate the ideas offered by the PPC into the strategic areas and then share these by e-mail. The PPC should come ready to agree to the top two or three at the next meeting. Once agreed, small committees will be formed to take each area and then provide detailed ideas for Fr. Sean to consider.

- Open Discussion

1. Arlene suggested that Fr. Sean send a letter to all confirmandees to congratulate them on the near-occasion of their confirmation. She also suggested that the note should include:
  - Confirmation is not graduation
  - Know that the parish community is praying for them
  - Remind them to daily strive to live out their Baptismal calling
2. John suggested that we consider having the youth and skilled parishioners fix up the current rectory and rent it out for a small fee to a needy family. This would be something very different and could help develop our youth and support the needy in our community. It was agreed that we would talk about this at the next meeting.
3. Wayne mentioned that there is still some confusion on when to stand during Mass. Father agreed to mention this in one of the future bulletin write ups.

- Stacie closed the meeting with prayer.

- Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.