

# Christ the Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council

**Meeting Minutes: May 29, 2007**

**In attendance:**

<b>Fr. Sean</b>	<b>Steve Moses</b>	<b>Christine Marté</b>
<b>Brian Caravantes</b>	<b>Jake Dominguez</b>	<b>Kelli Blankenburg</b>
<b>John Huston</b>	<b>Ken Conner</b>	<b>Mike Bonin</b>
<b>Stacie Bradley</b>	<b>Charlotte Conner</b>	

**Absent:** Tim Herbert , Wayne Kitchens, Dcn. Phillip Jackson, Arlene Hawkins

- Meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Kelli opened the meeting with prayer. Christine volunteered to lead the prayer for the June meeting.

## **Unfinished Business**

April minutes were approved.

## **Information Sharing**

1. Capital Campaign / Construction Budget:
  - a. Father Sean met with Steve Babcock, Guidance in Giving. We are doing well with \$5.8MM pledged; will follow up with those who have not made a recent payment in the next month. Only 20 have not paid in the last three months.
  - b. There is a planned mail out in July to coincide with the groundbreaking and then a brochure update planned for September.
2. Parish Update:
  - a. Personnel changes:
    - i. Joyce Truax will move from Liturgy to become the R.E. Assistant
    - ii. Will plan to hire a new Liturgy Assistant
    - iii. Planning to bring in a college student to help with maintenance (Our two regular maintenance men have been ill or injured)
    - iv. Interviews are scheduled this week for the CCE Director
  - b. Upcoming parish activities
    - i. High School Mission trip to Harlingen
    - ii. Vacation Bible School (attendance is full)
    - iii. Ground Breaking on 7/7/07 – parish wide picnic planned
    - iv. Choir camp
3. Report on PPC Training: No one was able to attend.

## **Pastoral Issues / Request for Feedback**

Meeting Space Needs – Fr. Sean has made contact with Fr. Dominic of St. Claire. He will arrange a meeting for those who volunteered (Stacie, Brian and Wayne) to visit St. Claire to see how they are addressing their space needs.

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## New Business

Review / approve agenda for future meeting of Ministry Leaders to present CtR's pastoral strategies:

- a. Ken reviewed the proposed agenda. Brian expressed concern that there may be too much content for those who are not familiar with some of the background around the strategy. Ken suggested that we could provide some pre-reading to provide the background. There was general agreement with the council that this was a good idea.
- b. Primary purpose of the meeting is the following:
  - i. Fr. share vision for CtR (Be a Great parish)
  - ii. Review duties of PPC
  - iii. Share Strategic Pastoral Plan
  - iv. Ministry Leaders will be asked to identify current or planned actions that align with the pastoral plan
- c. Brian will work with a couple of ministries to create an example of how to show current or planned actions to support the parish vision
- d. Father will look at a day in August or September to hold the meeting
- e. After the ministry leaders meeting, Father explained his idea of including the information from these sessions as a bulletin insert.

## Open Discussion

1. John Huston suggested making the former rectory available for a needy family. Fr. Sean agreed that he would talk to a real estate officer about all of the options.
  2. Jake submitted a plan to Fr. Sean on how to deepen the faith of our teens after Confirmation.
  3. Mike B. described examples of handouts on "Faith Basics" that could be used as bulletin inserts. Mike volunteered to order examples and share these with the parish council member.
- Kelli closed the meeting with a prayer.
  - Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.