

# Christ the Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council

**Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2007**

<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Fr. Sean Brian Caravantes John Huston Stacie Bradley Arlene Hawkins</b>	<b>Steve Moses Jake Dominguez Ken Conner Tim Herbert Charlotte Conner</b>	<b>Dcn. Phillip Jackson Kelli Blankenburg Mike Bonin Wayne Kitchens</b>
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- Meeting began at 7:05 pm
- Wayne opened the meeting with prayer. Mike volunteered to lead the prayer for the October meeting.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. August minutes were approved.
2. PPC on Parish Website – Brian got several questions answered to finalize the PPC's section on the parish website.

## **Information Sharing**

1. Construction Update:
  - a. There are meetings every two weeks between Fr. Sean, the Building Supt, and other parish representatives to review progress and plans. Everything at this point seems to be on track.
  - b. On 10/6 the Building Committee will meet with the artists who are preparing the stain glass and the Stations of the Cross.
  - c. The contract has been signed for the pews; the total cost is \$302,000. Seating capacity will be 1479. Additional chairs can be placed along the perimeter of the church bringing the total to 1621. There will be seating for 12-14 individuals with disabilities.
2. Parish Update:
  - a. CCE began with 1750 total students. Mary Phillips, Debbie Hawkins, Joyce Truax, Jake Dominguez, Santos Flores and C.J. McCarren should all be commended for the hard work they did to have a successful kickoff of our program.
  - b. Sacred Heart priests are leaving the parish of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton (SEAS) on November 1. This will have a big impact on that parish and we could very easily see some members from SEAS come to our parish as they go through this transition. This is another example of our need to continue to pray for vocations.
3. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Arlene discerned for the council but was not discerned.
4. Meeting Attendance by parishioners: Ken distributed PPC procedures which state how parishioners can address the council.

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## Pastoral Issues / Request for Feedback

Stewardship Committee – Fr. Sean suggested that we consider a discernment process this year for the Stewardship Committee. In future years, the Stewardship Committee would discern every other year from the PPC. Ken suggested that a sub-group of the former Stewardship Committee meet to “frame” expectations as this group is re-organized. Ken asked Mike if he is willing to lead this effort. Mike agreed to do this.

## New Business

Ministry Leaders Meeting – The council reviewed and discussed the agenda for the October 6 Ministry Leaders’ meeting. It was decided that we would ask for all plans from the various ministries by the end of November.

## Open Discussion

1. Stacie encouraged Father to talk about parish finances. She has talked to some parishioners who really do not understand our finances. Father stated that he is working on a document that will better document the parish needs for finances.
2. Arlene stated that there is a lack of understanding around “vocations.” Father will continue to emphasize this in his communications. Additional comments were made to ensure the chalice is always visible for families who are coming up to get the chalice.

## New Business

1. Brian suggested that the Vocation chalice be taken out of the box when presenting it to the family who will pray for vocations when it is given out at the Sunday Mass.
  2. Kelli mentioned that we should all consider ourselves as “vocation directors.” We should all encourage the qualified to consider the religious life. We must create a culture of vocations where it is always front and center in our parish. Interested parishioners should consider involvement in the Serra Club or Vocations Committee.
  3. The suggestion was made and approved to have ushers and greeters have name tags like the PPC members.
- Wayne closed the meeting with a prayer.
  - Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.