

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
 Meeting Minutes, 27 March 2014



Attendance

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Orrin Halepeska	Excused
Deacon / Parish Administrator	Phillip Jackson	Yes
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	Yes
<i>Parishioners</i>		

<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
PPC Member 2014-2016	Herman Ayala	Yes
PPC Member 2012-2014	Briz Garcia	Yes
PPC Member 2013-2015	Greg Gehrt	Yes
PPC Member 2012-2014	Lynn Gondesen	Yes
PPC Member 2013-2015	Donna Heath	Yes
PPC Member 2013-2015	Ann Holub	Excused
PPC Member 2012-2014	Kenneth Passmore	Yes
PPC Member 2012-2014	Dan Ruvalcaba	Yes
PPC Member 2014-2016	Brad Snyder	Yes
PPC Member 2014-2016	Nancy Unverferth	Excused
PPC Member 2013-2015	Lisa Veenstra	Yes
PPC Member 2014-2016	Mark Whetstine	Yes

Opening

- Meeting began at 7:07 PM
- Opening prayer: Mark Whetstine

Open Forum

- No parishioners in attendance to address the Council.

Visit from DRE

- None this month.



Information Sharing

- Review Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan:
 - Fr. Sean spoke about the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and passed out copies of the plan. He asked that the council review for next meeting.
 - Went thru what the Archdiocese looks like now and where we headed in the future.
 - The CTR Priority Plan is ahead of the Cardinal's but fits well with it and "supports it beautifully".
 - CTR will need to address the multicultural aspect of the Pastoral Plan.

- Fr. Sean spoke to the welcome back plan to bring Catholics back to the church, specifically after Christmas and Easter.

- Cards were sent out to Families of the parish with children under nine years old inviting them to the new CTR School Open House on April 10 at the school.

- Repairs to the PLC - Fr. Sean
 - The check from the insurance company was received and promptly started repairs. Only paid the amount of the lowest bid and informed CTR that we would have to make up the difference, Brookstone absorbed the difference.
 - Still waiting on the official report on the sprinkler head failure.
 - Repairs are ahead of schedule but RE Classes will maintain the current arrangement for the remainder of this year (next two weeks).

- Maintenance
 - An unplanned expense will be incurred for the A/C upstairs in the older building, better to replace instead of repair at this point.
 - The handicapped entrance installation on the church door has started and we hope to have it finished for Easter.
 - Deacon Phillip reviewed the lighting concerns on the parish property. The amber lights are maintained by Centerpoint and the brighter lights are maintained by CTR.

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- Parish Survey - Fr. Sean
 - We had over 1,000 responses to the Parish Survey or about 20% of the e-mails that went out. Father asked the council to think about having people take ownership of their faith.
 - There is concern about where the church is going and Catholics in general. "Parish Catalyst" will assist in energizing the church and will start work in late summer or early fall.
 - Father spoke about how to get parents back to the church and work thru their children to bring them back, get the children energized and they will help bring their parents back to church.
 - Deacon Phillip relayed a story of how one thing said by one person can be the catalyst that drove that person from the church and how we need to first listen then apologize and invite them back.
 - We should live by example, be approachable and welcoming. The friendly atmosphere as everyone is leaving the church encourages them to stop and visit.
 - Fr. Sean asked how to reach out to those who just come to church and are not engaged.

Open Discussion

- Donna came in and spoke about the Middle School Meeting.
 - Rachel Poyo asked for support for the changes and relayed in the parent meeting that it is no longer an or-else decision. She will work with the parents but that we must re-think Religious Education and try and get the parents involved with their children's RE.
 - Brad stated that we should talk up the "encounter experience" and have that as the model for RE.

Spring Festival Booth Duty

- The sign-up sheet was passed around and sign ups started for PPC booth. Each PPC member to commit to one or more two hour shifts each day.



Closing Prayer:

- April meeting prayer: Lynn Gondesén but next meeting time “to be determined” as the Festival is right after Easter and the next meeting is scheduled right after the Festival.
- May meeting prayer: Herman Ayala

Closing

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Calendar Planning - Meeting dates for the upcoming year (subject to change):

- April 28th, 2014?? “to be determined”
- May 27th, 2014
- June 24th, 2014
- August 26th, 2014
- September 23rd, 2014
- October 28th, 2014
- November 18th, 2014
- December 21st, 2014