

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2016



## Attendance

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes	PPC Member 2014-2016	Herman Ayala	yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Ralph Roberts	no	PPC Member 2014-2016	Brad Snyder	no
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	yes	PPC Member 2014-2016	Nancy Unverferth	no
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	yes	PPC Member 2013-2015	Lisa Veenstra	no
			PPC Member 2015-2017	Jason Shipe	yes
			PPC Member 2015-2017	Troy Bretz	yes
<i>Parishioners</i>			PPC Member 2015-2017	Matt Carpenter	yes
			PPC Member 2015-2017	Susan Sarao	no
			PPC Member 2016-2018	James Taylor	yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Aubrey Surovik	no
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Gilda Bartz	yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Ashley Bass	yes

Meeting began 7:05

Opening prayer Herman Ayala

### PPC Matters

- Group Picture of PPC in August or September. This picture is needed for the website. It was suggested that we possibly try to meet after 9am Mass for a group photo.

### Open Forum

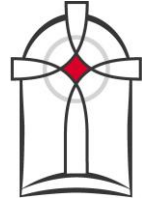
- No parishioners in attendance to address the Council

### Information Sharing from Fr. Sean

- Update on the Community Center Kitchen Renovation
  - Wrapped up! Happy with the results. Community center is booked and ready to be used. Construction was on time and on budget.
- New openings for the following: Family Life – Margaret Chronicle, and Liturgy – Carol Moses

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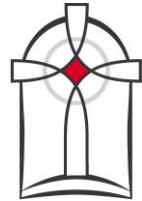
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- Family Life - Accepting applications now. Margaret will fill in until the right candidate is found.
- Director of Liturgy position - still looking for leads for this position. Carol will help get through the summer but the position needs to be filled.
- New Youth Minister, Kyle Hatfield (Director of Junior High), started last week at the youth trip to Hidden Lake Camp. Collin Bass told Fr Sean that he "felt like Kyle had been with CtR for forever". Kyle is off to a great start.
- Follow up on Capital Campaign:
  - Met with 4 institutions for financing
    - Meeting with diocese next week about financing
    - Trying to time the market with construction. Breaking ground will be late summer or early fall. We need to build our needs, but don't want to get in over our heads. We need to take pledges into account and see where we are at the build time.
    - Important areas of the phase that serve all ages -- can we cut any where? All areas are intertwined, but possible finishes of the project could be scaled down. What can we do to stay within the "number" that is chosen. Campaign, budget, contractor, banks, market -- lots to consider.
    - The addition to be added on to the existing building is more expensive than anticipated - this could possibly be one area to cut back. Fancier finishes are another area that we could cut. They are still working on the seating in the auditorium - individual seats are very expensive - possibly a nice pew?
    - A good point was made - We want to build a place that parishioners are proud of so that it can be used in years ahead. As more people become involved, they will see the need for this phase - and as they enjoy this new addition they will likely give back to the campaign. We need to invite people to learn about the need & show them what this phase will do - spread the word to those around us.
    - 40K was donated from a nonparishoner.
    - At this point in the campaign it would have been great to be at 4.5 million and we are currently at 3.7. Compared to Phase 1 and Phase 2 - there were more donors for Phase 1 & 2 but the average gift is similar. 25% is a huge success in the catholic church -- the national average of catholic giving is low also compared to others
    - We all need to be good ambassadors - spread the word.
  - Wrapped up active phase of campaign last week. Jennifer left on Friday and CtR is now running the rest of the campaign with guidance from Guidance & Giving. We have raised 3.7 million of the 6 million goal. Guidance & Giving report - good news is that the average pledge is \$5100 per family, but the bad news is that only 11-12% of the parish

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has given so far (~700 families). Being the 3rd campaign & the strggling economy, we knew we'd be a bit behind our goal. Urgency also plays into that -- not everyone sees that they "need" this phase. We need to continue to be ambassadors and invite people to join us and participate in this campaign. School families & youth family participation is lower than expected. But the CtR school staff is nearly 100% support.

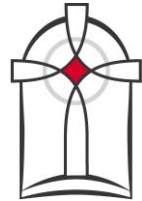
- Guidance & Giving measures the number of refusals.....only 1 person has said they do not support the campaign. The other people that can't give is because of job related issues, the economy, moving away from the parish, etc. Previous Phases have had more refusals in the past.....again, we just need to spread the word out to more families.
- There is still a lot of follow up to go
- VBS was a very successful week - 600 kids and 300 helpers. The costumes put together by Jessica Morgan & Taylor (student at CtR) were amazing.
- The new Budget starts July 1 for the 2017 Fiscal Year
  - Finance Council approved the budget. Departments are happy with their budgets.
  - 3.6% was given over what was projected. Compared to other churches that are down, we are one of the parishes able to save a little. By capturing this savings CtR is able to Fund other projects, pay down the debt, do more charitable works, put aside to save - CtR puts the funds to good work.
- Roof issues -- the excessive spring rains have brought the attention to the leaking church roof. Matt Carpenter volunteered to take a look at these areas as he works in the area of insulation & waterproofing.
- Fr Seans 12 year anniversary is on July 1. Only the Lord & the Cardinal know how much longer Fr Sean will be here - he's got the best job in diocese! So hopefully he will be with us a while longer.
- Parish Pilgrimage is full - 80 people are going. The number includes Deacon Greg but he might drop off given what he is going though right now. Gilda reported that he is doing well, but please continue to keep him (and others going through similar struggles) in our prayers.

## Other Items

- Someone approached Gilda & wanted to know if previous debt was paid off. The church is paid off, but we are rolling over 2.6 million from the PLC
- Parish Directory -- it has been 12 years since the last directory. Is a new directory needed? Do we want it? The last directory was a lot of work for the parish. Would there possibly be an option for families to upload their own family images to an online directory? Is the logistics of pulling it together worth the hardbound book? Would the interested company do everything - what is the end result for the parish & for the families?
- Jason Shipe brought up the idea of additional children's ministries during Mass.

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- James Taylor was asked if there was a way to get a railing in the middle of the steps outside the main entrance of the church? The possibility can be explored. If a need is determined, it could maybe be done when the other construction is being done.
- Ashley brought up the EMHC training having an end time - so that attendees know what to expect

## **Remaining meeting dates for 2016**

July - No meeting

**August - Please note the change to August 30** (formerly August 23)

**September - Please note the change to September 27** (formerly September 20)

October 25

November 29

December 18 (Sunday 6:30-9:30 for Christmas Social in Rectory)

**August Prayer Volunteer:** Matt Carpenter

**Closing Prayer** Fr Sean

**Meeting adjourned** 8:27