Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday, August 22, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Attendees: Fr. Schnipke, Deacon Brad Feltz, Teresa Wuebker, Cory Steinke, Mark Francis, Maria Larger, Aaron Freeman, Erin Niekamp, Janet Suchland, Janet Kronenberger, Neil Homan, Pete Reinhart, Kathy Pape
Absent: Deacon Greg Bornhorst, Linda Baker

I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer: lead by Mark Francis
II. Special Guests: none
III. Committee/Commission Reports

a. Unified Council: updates provided by Erin Niekamp
    - Most recent meeting was the beginning of Aug. 2024
        - Reviewed the Christ Our Light vision statement
        - Reviewed the Unified Council Constitution
    - Created a 3 year planning priorities draft
        - Copy of the draft provided to council members
        - This draft of priorities was based on the results of the Disciple Maker Index survey
    - Will add the Christ Our Light vision statement to all parish websites and the bulletins
b. Eucharist: updates provided by Aaron Freeman
    - Most recent meeting was April 23, 2024
    - Working on scheduling the next meeting
c. Stewardship (Stewardship, Finance, Property): updates provided by Janet Suchland
    - Planning to invite 3 additional people to attend September 2024 meeting
    - Will be working on creating the charter for the commission
    - Looking for other individuals to discern if they would like to join the commission
    - Finance Committee
        - received approval of the 2024 fiscal year budget
        - Bob will need a replacement for parish council due to his new role within the parish
        - Committee will be reviewing fiscal year 2023/2024 year end documents to submit annual report to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati
    - Property Committee
        - around 50 volunteers assisted with various projects on the recently held volunteer day.
        - CCD classrooms had white boards installed
        - Next meeting will be in September 2024
        - Considering another volunteer workday
        - Looking for individuals to join the committee
        - Consideration to add bike racks
        - Continuing work on the adult handicap restroom using the grant money that has been awarded
d. Evangelization (Education): updates per Erin Niekamp
    - No recent meeting
    - CCD registration utilized an online sign-up this year
    - The commission is planning to meet a minimum of 6 times per year
    - Next meeting will be in September 2024
e. Love In Action: updates per Janet Kronenberger
    - Most recent meeting was this week

- Working on creating a draft of charter for review
- Created a draft of yearly goals
- Had members of the various ministries attend meeting to provide insight on needs and functions
- Next meeting is September 11, 2024

IV. Old Business

a. Parking lot updates have been completed except for the middle parking section, which will be completed later this fall. There is consideration of changing the layout of the parking spaces to allow traffic to flow in 2 directions

V. New Business

a. Flock Note will be utilized in place of Remind
    - Save the number used by Flock Note for the various group/committee and can communicate via text
b. Council meeting schedule was discussed
    - Suggestion is to meet to align with Unified Council meetings (opposite months)
        - Meeting for parish council would be August, October, January, March, and May
            - After discussion this change was approved unanimously by council
c. Ministry Fair
    - There is suggestion to hold a ministry fair to bring awareness of the various ministries, commissions and committees within the parish
        - Discussion on invitation, theme, involvement of the various ministries
    - Council encouraged to be creative in how to create and arrange the ministry fair
    - The Ministry Fair will be held in Feb. 2025
        - Commissions will work on ideas and strategies to discuss at next parish council meeting

VI. Pastor Comments and Announcements

a. Bob Parker is working out of the business office
b. Jodie Blindauer (Director of Evangelization for Christ our Light Family of Parishes) began working in July and is working on establishing adult faith formation options
c. Archdiocese of Cincinnati Evangelization is encouraging Catholics to “share the good news” and invite Christians to embrace Catholicism
    - Invitation to form personal relationships and invite people to church
    - Encouraging creating disciples of Christ
    - Use of the Radiate Christ program
d. There will be a change to the program/testing use to assess how well children are learning through religious education programs
e. St. Augustine held a safety in-service
        - Developed safety protocols for inside the church and on parish grounds
        - Council discussed strategies to ensure safety
            - Council is considering holding a safety in-service for staff and key people within the parish ministries

VII. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at 7pm

VIII. Adjournment/Closing Prayer: lead by Father Schnipke

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Mumaw