Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Attendees: Dcn. Brad Feltz, Kathy Pape, Janet Suchland, Maria Larger, Amy Speelman, Linda Baker, Janer Kronenberger, Cory Steinke, Neil Homan, Pete Reinhart, Teresa Wuebker, and Mark Francis.

I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer: led by Mark Francis
II. Special Guests: none
III. Committee/Commission Reports
    a. Unified Council: updates provided by Mark Francis
        i. Unified council met on November 14th 2024 at Holy Redeemer. Council has completed our Vision Statement and a flyer for Christ our Light family will be produced and distributed.
        ii. Staff Transitions were discussed
        iii. Fr. Vara Kumar Chowtapalli added as Parochial Vicar
        iv. Fr. Ken Alt will semi-retire while still saying a Sunday Mass and helping out were needed
        v. Sarah Mescher will be our Director of Communications for the Christ our Light Family of Parishes
    b. Eucharist Commission provided by Pete Reinhart:
        i. They met on Nov 10th and discussed ideas for the Ministry fair. They were also working on preparing for the new 8:00 am Sunday Mass. Things are coming together but additional Ushers are needed
        ii. We have had good response for additional greeters at the North entrance. A ministry schedule will be added to MSP in the near future.
    c. Stewardship Commission provided by Janet Suchland.
        i. Working on getting the charter draft put together and prepping for Ministry Fair
        ii. Finance Commission provided by Amy Speelman.
            - Quarterly review of actual vs. budget for the financial statement.
            - Discussed salaries and how to share throughout the family.
            - Parking lot repaving and striping was completed at a cost of approximately $118,000.
            - Capital project for 2025 will be the Handicap accessible restroom at the North entrance of the church. Working on estimates. We have a $20,000 from the State of Ohio. Working on additional Grant proposals
        iii. Property Commission provided by Cory Steinke.
            - Update on progress of Handicap Accessible Restroom
            - Working on putting together another project day for small maintenance project around the church. The last project day was a success. Working on the list of things that need attention.
    d. Evangelization (Education) provided by Maria Larger.
        i. 6 new members have been added.
        ii. At the last meeting discussions and planning for upcoming events took place
        iii. Hope Emergency – Donations were sent
        iv. Boxes of Joy were filled by parishioners, collected and picked up

v. Three Students and one parent will attend the Washington DC Right to Life March
vi. Advent Tree: Reviewing if it will continue next year
vii. Live Nativity: Reviewing and looking at possible adjustments for next year
viii. Dragon Slayer Retreat: Good reviews from the event. Looking at fund raising options for next year.
ix. Jodi Blindauer is working on a group for Adult Faith Formation
x. Confirmation will take place yearly moving forward from our every other year current schedule
xi. Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday was discussed as well as funding options

e. Love In Action provided by Janet Kronenberger.
i. Preparing for the upcoming Discernment evenings and planning for the Ministry Fair

IV. Old Business:

a. Discussed the Evenings of Discernment scheduled for 1/27 (7:45-8:45 pm) and 1/28 (6:30-7:30 pm).
b. Discussed updates on the Ministry Fair, scheduled for after all Masses on 2/15 and 2/16

V. New Business:

a. It is time to ind new members or renew for another year on Council. Cory Steinke, Mark Francis, Maria Larger, and Erin Niekamp are renewing. Janet Suchland and Aaron Freeman are looking for candidates to replace them.
b. Renovations provided by Deacon Brad Feltz.
i. Renovation committee is meeting again. Looking at the big picture 5-10 years out. Considering the real possibility of continued growth and what that might look like and how can we prepare.
ii. Sidney Lehman Scholarships:
- Historically Holy Redeemer has provided a $1,000.00 scholarship per year per parishioner's child/children that attend Lehman Catholic High School. Council was approached to determine if that program was still in place. Discussion followed among the council members.
- A motion by Linda Baker was made, second by Cory Steinke to continue the support of our Lehman Catholic Scholarships. An amount of $1000.00 per scholarship with an annual review of the program was put forth.
- Provision was added that evaluate each year based on amount needed.
- Motion carried by unanimous vote.

iii. Ask the Priest night: Fr. Mark and Fr. Matt will be at Moeller Brew Barn on Feb 24 for another ask the Priest night. The last one was a great success.

VI. Pastor Comments. Fr Schnipke was unavailable.

VII. Next Council Meeting: We will add an additional council meeting on Feb 20th 7:00 pm in the conference room. We will review the results of the Ministry Fair and also discuss possible candidates for those members leaving the Council.

VIII. Adjournment/Closing Prayer led by Deacon Brad Feltz

Submitted by
Mark Francis