Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023– 7:00 pm

Those present: Bob Parker, Mark Francis, Aaron Freeman, Deacon Brad Feltz, Neil Homan, Maria Larger, Tim Dues, Janet Kronenberger, Janet Suchland, Erin Niekamp, Diane Hoehne, Teresa Wuebker, Scott Frey, Deacon Greg Bornhorst

I. Called to order - Beacons of Light Opening Prayer
II. No Special Guests
III. Commission Reports:
    a) Eucharist – nothing to report, next meeting is 11/21/2023
    b) Stewardship - met a few weeks ago; commission is "building" slowly. Stewardship cohort is meeting in 2 weeks: Leisa Anslinger with "Grateful Disciples" helping the archdiocese with a stewardship cohort to invigorate this commission. Looking to start Grateful Disciples at the family level
        i. Finance - Met 3 weeks ago; revenue was down but so are expenses for fiscal year 7/1/22-6/30/23.
        ii. Property - Corey not present at the meeting so no updates except the contract for the pew cushions went out. Renovation committee met and is making a list of wants and needs: classroom sizes were discussed (CCD class sizes are increasing). All projects will be 2-10 years down the road, some money is left over from the capital campaign fund.
    c) Evangelization/Education – nothing to report
    d) Love in Action - have reached out to ministry leads – met once, with 5 people attending. No one has committed yet. Will reach out to other parishioners as well. Bereavement (Rita Niekamp) said they need help - unclear of what they do - ask to write down what the ministry does, what they need help with, etc. Lisa McGovern said Loaves & Fishes has ended; question was asked if they should help with Blessings Pantry @ St. Pauls, find something else, or start our own ministry. Most felt it made more sense to help what is already started.
IV. Commission Sub-committee - Letter is drafted and handed out to council for any suggestions. Announcements should be made at church before, during, and after mailing of the letter to ensure we get the forms back. Should we follow up with phone calls after from those who didn't return the mailing?
V. Old Business
    a) Unified Council - Need one more representative (all parishes with more than 250 families will be represented by 3 council members) since Scott Frey is done with council after this year.
    b) Open discussion on recent activities - Carlo Acutis had positive reviews from those that attended, Sipping with the Saints was a great activity with positive reviews, the vigil adoration is something that maybe needs to be repeated especially for special events and should become a parish family activity across all 8 churches
    c) Open discussion on future events - possibly having a class on morning and evening prayers, Fr. Leo coming this advent (ticketed event on 12/5 - keep promoting, so far the tickets aren't really going) Brad brought up having our own Family of Parishes Eucharistic Procession in July while the National Eucharistic Congress Procession is in Cincinnati - met with positive feedback and offers to help it come to fruition.
VI. New Business
    a) Discussed Loaves & Fishes & Bereavement (See Love In Action Commission report)
VII. Fr. Ken wasn't in attendance so no Pastor comments or announcements
VII. Next Meeting - Scott made a motion to not have a December meeting and Neal seconded it. Passed unanimously; Next meeting is set for January 18th at 7:00 pm
VII. Adjournment - Diane made a motion to adjourn and Bob seconded it. Prayer led by Deacon Brad

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Niekamp