Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2023– 7:00 pm

Attendees: Fr. Schnipke, Deacon Brad Feltz, Cory Steinke, Diane Hoehne, Mark Francis, Maria Larger, Aaron Freeman, Erin Niekamp, Janet Suchland, Janet Kronenberger, Neil Homan
Absent: Deacon Greg Bornhorst, Scott Frey, Tim Dues, Teresa Wuebker, Robert Parker

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

a. Eucharist: updates provided by Aaron Freeman
- Most recent meeting was held Oct. 2, 2023
- Nick will be creating a list of individuals involved in the various ministries within the commission
- Encouraged to read the book "Rebuilt"
- The purpose of the commission was reviewed
- Discussed strategies to build/grow the commission
  - Will have 2-3 individuals from each ministry or sub-committee within the commission
- Next meeting will be 11/21/2023

b. Stewardship: updates per Janet Suchland
- This commission met last week
- There was a review of the various ministries and committees within the commission
- The next meeting will be 10/30/2023

i. Finance Committee: no current updates

ii. Property: updates provided by Cory Steinke
- The Renovations Committee met in Sept. 2023 to discuss phase 2 of the renovations projects
  - Discussion of both old ideas/plans as well as new ideas
  - Planning to gather feedback from parishioners
  - Next meeting is 11/6/2023

c. Evangelization/Education: updates provided by Erin Niekamp
- Sarah is going through old VBS supplies with consideration of reusing some of the themes in the future
- VBS will be held in the evening again this coming summer
- There is a weekly email sent from Sarah with updates about CCD
- There is going to be an elementary children's choir
- The "Little Flowers" program was reviewed and they may utilize a different program called "Be a Saint" as it is for boys and girls
- Jenny reported the following: Confession has been offered for all students in grades 7-12; the first Confirmation meeting has been held; there was an XLT meeting; John & Jean Homan speak to students weekly
- The Christmas project this year will be a "Box of Joy" - this is a Catholic based program and our parish will be a drop off location
- JH/HS students will be trick-or-treating for canned goods
- There will be 8 youth attending NCYC in November
- Jenny is still working on starting the "Birthday Barn"
- There is a JH retreat in the early stages of planning
- NB schools will allow CYO practice

- Jenny is in charge of the meal portion of the Mission Sunday Mass
- The next meeting will be Jan/Feb 2024

d. Love in Action: updates per Janet Kronenberger
- Met this past Tuesday
- Reviewed how to communicate with the various ministries
- There will be a meeting with the various ministry leaders in November
- The planning process is in place to arrange an upcoming meeting for the commission

IV. Old Business

a. Review/Discuss Building of Commission (sub-committee report): updates per Erin Niekamp
- Email was sent to the sub-committee members to reach out to those involved with the ministries within the church
- The next step will be to have a letter sent to all parishioners regarding the various committees, commissions, and ministry opportunities

V. New Business

a. Unified Christ our Light Pastoral Council

i. Convocation for Augustine Deanery – Oct 17, McCartyville 7-9p
- Mark Francis and Erin Niekamp attended
  - There was a review of the purpose of the unified councils
  - Review of the Beacons of Light
  - Review of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati information regarding roles and obligations of the pastor of the parish(es) as well as the councils
  - Discussion on the importance of communication between all parties
  - The unified council should focus more on the long-term vision and goals of the parish(es)

b. There will be an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles from Oct. 26-Nov. 2

VI. Pastor Comments and Announcements: updates per Fr. Schnipke
- Father reviewed and discussed concerns regarding “save our steeples” - answered a variety of questions for council members
- Father reviewed the meaning and purpose of a single canonical parish vs clusters vs individual parishes
  - Discussed differences in roles of priests vs pastors
- Working on creating a Family Leadership team to help with communications between the unified council, individual parish councils, and the pastor
- Father reviewed the criterion for Mass

VII. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7pm

VIII. Adjournment/Closing Prayer: lead by Deacon Feltz

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Mumaw