Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2023– 7:00 pm

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

I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer: lead by Father Schnipke
II. Special Guests: none
III. Committee/Commission Reports
- a. Eucharist: updates provided by Scott Frey
  - Most recent meeting took place over the summer
  - There was discussion about utilizing various tools to review and organize/develop the various commissions within the parish
- b. Stewardship: no update on the commission
  - i. Finance Committee: updates provided by Bob Parker
    - Archdiocese of Cincinnati is requesting a full inventory of everything in the church
    - There has not been a formal meeting since spring
  - ii. Property: updates provided by Cory Steinke
    - The Renovations Committee will be getting back together to begin work on phase 2 of the renovations; this meeting will take place 9/29/2023
- c. Evangelization/Education: updates provided by Scott Frey and Erin Niekamp
  - The new elementary CCD coordinator is Sarah Mescher
  - There is a full team of CCD catechists for the year
  - VBS times went well over the summer
  - Totus Tuus: program went well; it was funded by $1000 donation and collection of $2000 in fees; there were 54 elementary participants and 24 participants in grades 7-12
  - Jackie Kuenning wants to begin a program called “little flowers”
  - JH/HS still needed some catechists to teach
  - There is a request for volunteers to help with the meals for the JH supper - this could be viewed as a great mentorship opportunities
  - CYO and youth group volunteers are requested
  - Jenny Sailer and Erin Neikamp met to discuss the needs of the JH/HS programs
    - Jenny provided a list of her many activities that she covers and manages
    - Jenny would like there to be more youth activities
    - There is some discussion about young adult retreats
    - Erin expressed concerns to council of the need to provide Jenny with some support either through volunteers or a secretary type position
  - Erin expressed the importance of obtaining a list or inventory of the projects/tasks each commission and committee performs

- d. Love in Action: No updates

IV. Old Business
- a. Summer retreat discussions: updates per Scott Frey
  - Council members met at a retreat for a weekend over the summer to reflect on the purpose

of council and goals of council

b. Review/Discuss Building of Commission (sub-committee report): updates per Erin Niekamp

- Small group met at the end of July to discuss phases and a timeline to reinvigorate the many committees, ministries and commissions within the parish
- Council would like each ministry to have a charter that is current and reflective of the specific ministry
- There was discussion on strategies to restart various ministries
- Goal is to keep parishioners updated on the ministries' activities
- Each commission should have a chair person and co-chair person, and secretary separate from council
- There was discussion on how to disseminate information
- The draft charter for ministries to utilize was reviewed and council is asked to review this in detail prior to next meeting
- Discussion on communication strategies
- Discussion on importance of each ministry and commission to take an inventory of their activities

V. New Business

a. Unified Christ our Light Pastoral Council

i. Convocation for Augustine Deanery – Oct 17, McCartyville 7-9p

- There is a need of 2-3 members from each parish council to participate in the unified pastoral council - Mark Francis, Scott Frey, and Erin Neikamp will attend

ii. Selection of members (2-3) to unified council

- Suggestion and agreement by council to have the appointed members of Holy Redeemer parish council participate in the unified pastoral council

b. Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule

- Topic to consider with the anticipated increased activities from the various commissions; this will be discussed at a later date

VI. Pastor Comments and Announcements: updates per Fr. Schnipke

- Father reviewed and discussed concerns regarding "save our steeples" messaging recently posted on social media
  - Information sessions are being offered in the family, but the Christ Our Light family of parishes' pastor and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati were not permitted to be part of the presentation.
  - Non-parish venues were chosen for all sessions
  - Questions and concerns were answered and addressed with the information available.
- A "Vision Retreat" was held recently with various members of all parishes from the Christ Our Light family of parishes
  - This vision team will create a vision statement for the Christ Our Light family of parishes.
  - A larger group will then work on dissemination of the vision statement and how to implement the vision statement. This group will also create an impact statement.
  - The focus will be on the Christ Our Light family of parishes and how to move forward.

VII. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7pm

VIII. Adjournment/Closing Prayer: lead by Deacon Feltz

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Mumaw