# PC 5/26/21

**Church of the Redeemer - Pastoral Council**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m*. (Zoom call)*

**Mission statement:** Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

**Vision statement:** Through worship, service, community, and Word we strive to bring all people close together and closer to God.

**Present:** Tom Grasberger, Shirley Husz, Bob Kemmler, Dan Corso, Fr. Jim Cowles, Larry Cunningham, Laura Woodle, Don Piacentini, Renee Reisenweaver, Mary Anne Rutledge, Dennis Fiore, Sue Hunrath, Robbie Prezioso

**Absent:** Chris Colville, Rob Courter

**Opening Prayer:** Don opened with a prayer for veterans.

**Faith Formation:** Chris was not at the meeting – Fr. Jim read the Psalm for the day – Psalm 79 and gave a reflection of that Psalm.

**Approval of minutes**

* Approval of April minutes was given. They will be posted on the website.

**Committee Reports**:

**Finance Council Report:**

* Tom Grasberger reported collections are doing o.k. We are currently above budget.
* Per Regina’s report, we have reached 100% of our goal for diocesan appeal.
* The PPP loan acquired by the church during the pandemic has been forgiven by the financial institution that provided it.
* Should any needs arise, we currently have 2 funds we can draw fund, depending on the circumstances to which the need falls under: 1) Capital Improvement fund, which is generally used for planned needs. 2) Contingency Fund, which is generally used for unexpected needs.
* Over the next few months we need to have discussion on how to put together a “Rainy Day” fund, so that if a situation ever arises – like the pandemic – and we don’t have any income, we have something to draw from through the need.
* Bill Michie is stepping down from the financial council. He has served 20 years.

**Staff Report:** Chris was not with us and Fr. Jim will cover this in his report.

**Pastoral council elections - Larry:**

* We have 6 candidates of the original 8 that said they would run. Two dropped out for personal reasons. Pictures will go up in the commons for folks to see and read the bios.
* Reminder about the PC elections will go out through the weekly reminder, will be announced at the masses, and a reminder through the website and FB page will be visible.
* Ballots are ready – folks can stop by after mass to vote or stop by the church office to vote. Fr. Jim will give a reminder at the masses to vote as well as encourage folks to do so.
* Voting for candidates will end June 15th.

**Strategic Plan:**

* Operating Principles for the Stewardship Council are being worked on
* PSG program: should we continue? In order to make this decision, the hope is to get more data from the program as well as getting feedback from the office staff.
* One topic of the program is “Legacy Giving” We need to get additional information on how to inform the parishioners of this process / way of giving.
* Mary Ann Rutledge and Bob Kemmler are the current liasons to SC from PC. Both of them are leaving PC and we need to find replacements for them

**Fr. Jim Report:**

* Youth minister: we hope to have one hired soon.
* It is anticipated that the diocese will soon announce update guidelines for attending mass.
* A parishioner had expressed a desire to attend a Parish Council meeting for the purpose of seeking permission to address Parishioners and solicit contributions for a Church located outside of the United States. A discussion followed on what if any policy was in place which addressed this issue. It was decided that the chair with the input of Father Jim develop a written policy to address this issue.
* After discussion by the council, it was noted that we may need to develop a visitor policy. Don will work on this.

**Feedback from parishioners**:

* None were brought to the council at this meeting.

**New / Other Business**

* **Closing Prayer:**  Closed with the Hail Mary

**Next Meeting Date**: June 232 021 THIS MAY BE IN PERSON