# PC 12/2/20

**Church of the Redeemer - Pastoral Council**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 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, Robbie Prezioso, Fr. Jim Cowles, Larry Cunningham, Laura Woodle, Chris Colville, Don Piacentini, Mary Anne Rutledge, Renee Reisenweaver, Rob Courter, Sue Hunrath, Dennis Fiore, Regan Penny, Ron Reger

**Absent:** Dan Corso

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer was given by Don

**Faith Formation**

* Given by Chris Colville – Chris read the gospel (Matthew) for 12/3/20. His take away from the reading for all of us is this: Do those seeing me / us for the very first time / very last time, see and hear from me the truth that I believe and follow.

**Approval of minutes**

* Approval of October minutes was given with no corrections from the council.

**Committee Reports**:

* The only committee reports submitted were the Christian Care and a copy of the administrators report to the finance council. No questions or concerns – no discussion had.

**Finance Council Report:**

* Tom Grasberger reported that the year to date collections is $17K below the budget set in the spring. This is not a concern at this time as it balances out with other budget items that are different than had been anticipated. Bottom line: budget wise we’re doing o.k. at this time.
* The next fiscal year process starts in February. If any of the council members have suggestions for this, i.e. needs or concerns to be considered, please submit those sooner than later. He really needs them no later than our February meeting. In March, details are refined so that the full budget can be submitted to the diocese in April.
* At this time, the PPP loan money that we received is being held in savings.

**Census Report:**

* Ron shared an update on the census sent out. To date, 787 responses have been received. From these responses, we have the following input:
  + Redeemer Reminders seems to be the BEST way to reach people, followed by emails
  + Currently, 584 households stated they are not attending mass (this is pre-pandemic thought
  + As for the value in the ministries we have, the #1 seems to be helping those in need
  + From the census, Ron’s primary recommendation at this time is to work on how the parish communicates to the parishioners and with the parishioners.

**Reaga / PSG report:**

* The next stewardship meeting is Dec. 9th. The plan is to get through No Room At The Inn, and then review the census information. They’ll take that information and then incorporate it into the PSG program.

**Staff Report – Chris Colville:**

* Nothing new from the staff perspective to report. They are looking at maybe having a drive by event to have folks come by and pick up a give away so to speak from the parish – very preliminary conversation at this time.
* Ron chimed in that the new system is installed and works great!
* The mechanics of having 3 Christmas masses was lightly touched upon. Fr. Jim is comfortable with what they have in place to make it all happen safely.

**Feedback from parishioners**:

* None were brought to the council at this meeting.

**Operating Principles for the Parish Council (Renee):**

* Prior to the meeting Renee and Don sent proposed Operating Principles to the group. There was discussion about the constitution and operating principles – pros and cons to each, as well as the purpose of each (Operation Principles and Constitution).
* Don asked the parish council members to please take a few minutes before our January meeting to review the principles that he and Renee sent, and provide him with feedback PRIOR to the meeting. The intent is to adopt the final form of both items (Operation Principles and Constitution)
* It is also hoped that at the January meeting we will be able to approve / adopt the Operating Principles for the Stewardship council.

**Fr. Jim Report:**

* The Youth Minister job has been posted with the diocese. Three applications have been submitted at this time.

**New / Other Business**

* Parish Council elections: continue to be thinking about folks we can ask to be on PC. Don encouraged the council to start talking to people about it NOW. Fr. Jim and staff are going to help prompt people to think about it by putting it in the bulletin, the weekly email, and announcing at mass as that can be done.

**Closing Prayer**

* Closed with a Hail Mary prayer.

**Next Meeting Date**: Jan. 20, 2021 via zoom