# PC 1/27/21

**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, Chris Colville, Don Piacentini, Renee Reisenweaver, Rob Courter, Sue Hunrath, Dennis Fiore, Regan Penny, Ron Reger

**Absent:** Robbie Prezioso, Mary Anne Rutledge

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

**Faith Formation**

* Given by Chris Colville – Chris read the gospel (Matthew) for 1/24/21. His take away from the reading for all of us is this: In the gospel, 2 non-believers proclaim that Jesus is the son of God. How do we proclaim in our lives that Jesus died, rose, and saves us from our sins?

**Approval of minutes**

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

**Committee Reports**:

* No discussion on any reports submitted.

**Stewardship Council Report:**

* Reagan Penny gave us an update on the PSG program:
  + At this time, our Facebook analytics are doing well. Our FB followers continue to have a steadily increase. This is considered to be the new “digital evangelization”
  + According to PSG, for every financial ask post on FB, you want 8 posts of positive, inspirational messages
  + Alex from the diocese shared with Reagan that other parishes are benefitting from using the PSG program. At this point in time we anticipate continuing to use the program and will be in touch with Nick from PSG for the next phase which will take place in the Feb. – Nov. time frame.

**Finance Council Report:**

* Tom Grasberger reported the Christmas offertory collection was $34,000 above our average weekly basis.
* Year to date offertory collections are $3,000 below what was set in the budget. Also in the budget is a line item for $18.000 from a fundraiser, which will not be taking place this year.
* On the operations side, we’re below our projected costs and showing $28,000 on the positive side for our expenses.
* eGiving seems to be increasing, which is a good thing.

**Staff Report – Chris Colville:**

* Staff had a meeting this morning (1/27/21). For Ash Wednesday, services / mass will be at noon, 5:30 p.m. (family oriented), and 7:00 p.m.
* Per a directive from the diocese, ashes are to be sprinkled on the top of the individuals head and will not be placed on the forehead as is custom to do. The office is also planning on Ash Wednesday give aways along with the reflection booklet that is being put together.
* Holy Week will have the normal evening, 7 p.m. services, with sign ups. Easter Masses will be Saturday vigil at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. All services / masses will be streamed.
* As is customary, there will be a “donation box” that can be picked up for your home just like we have done in past years.

**Feedback from parishioners**:

* None were brought to the council at this meeting.

**Operating Principles / Constitution for the Parish Council:**

* The final drafts were sent to the PC prior to this meeting for review and input. Both final drafts were approved and will be posted on the church website. (Moved by Don to approve, seconded by Sue). Rob was not in favor of adopting these documents. His concern is that we have the same information basically stated in different ways in more than one form.

**Other News:**

* Tom reminded the PC to please submit any needs it might have for the budget to the Finance Council ASAP.
* Rob Courter said that he had talked to Teelo Rutledge about the Facilities Preservation Committee. The thought is that this needs to be ramped up and something that meets on a somewhat regular basis, even if it’s just quarterly. In response to this, Tom Grasberger suggested that the committee would possibly want a line item in the budget for needs as they arise.
* Stewardship Council Operating Principles
  + Larry did some research on what these look like from other parishes around the country. He’s given a list of them to Reagan who will then review them, put a proposed final list together and send it to Don and Fr. Jim for review.
* **Finance Council Operating Principles**
  + The Finance Council has put together a draft of operating principles. This draft was forwarded to the Parish Council for information purposes. They hope to have these finalized in the next couple of months.
* **Communication**
  + Chairs for the councils (parish council, finance council, & stewardship council) will be meeting quarterly with Fr. Jim. They hope to have their first meeting in February.
  + Chris Colville shared that Donnie Gladfelter has agreed to be on the Communication Committee – specifically working on how best to reach parishioners (this is Donnie’s expertise).

**Fr. Jim Report:**

* Fr. Jim asked Reagan about where we stand with the PSG program, specifically, are we moving forward with it. Reagan said yes, we are and she will be providing more information to Fr. Jim.
* Fr. Jim also reported that the dioceses reminded the parishes about the Legacy Program, and in general is recommending getting information about this program to the parishioners of each parish.

**New / Other Business**

* Parish Council elections: continue to be thinking about folks we can ask to be on PC. Don will be speaking to the folks at both masses this weekend. A list of suggested individuals was presented and those that knew some of those folks will be contacting them as they can to ask them to please consider running for Parish Council. Some of the PC members have already spoken to some parishioners and planted the seed. Anyone that says “YES” to running, are to give their name to Don.
* “WHAT IF” video that Rob shared: discussion was had but the general consensus was that Redeemer will be ok when the pandemic is resolved – folks will return. This video mainly addressed the concern of “what if folks DON’T return”.

**Closing Prayer**

* Closed with the Our Father

**Next Meeting Date**: Feb. 24, 2021 via zoom