

**Church of the Redeemer**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Date: January 24, 2018**

- Evening Prayer in Worship Space – Loraine Tracy
- Attendance: Father Jay, Jane Nucup, Mary Anne Rutledge, David Hopper, Mike Helie, Rob Courter, Jacquie Linklater, Maria Harris, Robbie Prezioso, John Kadukammakal, Brian Goulet, Loraine Tracy, Tom Grasberger
- Reports
  - Finance Council Liaison Report Review – Tom & Rob

*There were recently several large expenditures.*

    - *Doors to church have been completed. FOBs have been issued to appropriate individuals. There are still some adjustments being made to the system.*
    - *Water heater at the Rectory*
    - *HVAC in Genesis Hall A needs repairs estimated at \$13,000*
    - *HVAC in Multi-purpose room also needs repairs.*

*2017 Diocesan Appeal – Redeemer contributed 187% of its goal. This will result in about \$20,000 returned to parish.*

*Collections are approximately 20% behind budget. May need to consider lowering budget for next fiscal year. However, Stewardship Council has a plan to increase collections. The Diocese shared a blueprint to increase giving. Part of this includes a letter that was shared in the Stewardship minutes. One letter will go to everyone; then a follow-up letter will be sent targeting specific groups.*

***Giving statistics: 35% of parishioners give \$0; 20% give \$8/week; 5% give \$367,000.***

*A concern was raised that the Finance Council figures do not seem to align with the values shown in the weekly Bulletin.*

*Jane will ask Kate to see if current e-giving provider is able to provide any additional services.*

*One suggestion being considered is to adjust activity fees for parishioners based upon giving/registration in parish.*

*March Finance Council meeting will be delayed to accommodate time for a separate budget meeting.*

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*2018 Diocesan Appeal is slated to begin in April.*

- Pastor Report  
*Snow and illness has kept Father Jay from meeting the new Bishop. New Bishop is to be addressed as “Your Excellency”. It is anticipated that he will have a conservative approach to his faith leadership. He is currently living at St. Bridget’s rectory. All reports are that he is very personable. The Bishop will be at Redeemer in April for Confirmation. At this time there have been no changes in the staff at the Pastoral Center.*
  
- Deacon Report – *No Report. Deacon Chris is sick.*
  
- Review of Committee Reports
  - Art & Environment  
*Met on Jan 19. They have settled on the preferred alternative among those presented from the Kearns Group and anticipate making a presentation to Pastoral Council in Feb or March.*
  
  - Evangelization  
*A Financial Peace University session is scheduled. A speaker has been scheduled for Oct on the topic “Falling in Love with Jesus”.  
The committee continues to pursue the topics of Ministry Minute, Coffee Ministry after 10am Mass and Outreach to parishioners who have not attended Mass in a long time. (It was noted that collections/giving may not be a definitive indicator of Mass attendance.)*
  
  - Feedback Committee - Liturgy feedback will go out end of January  
*Plan to discontinue the New Parishioner feedback forms for now due to low census.  
They are finalizing a parish-wide survey for distribution soon.*

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- Review of Liaison Reports:
  - R.E. and Youth Report – *No questions*
  - Human Concerns – *No questions*
  - Stewardship Council – Letter from Deacon Ron – *Reviewed during the Finance Council discussion.*  
*Next Stewardship Council is scheduled for Feb 21. It will be a prayer service and social for all ministries.*
  - Liturgy/Worship  
*Cleaning of vestments, purificators, etc. is covered through Erin's budget.*  
*New speakers for Worship Space are moving forward.*
- Vice-Chair Report  
*April Pastoral Council meeting conflicts with the Confirmation Mass. The Pastoral Council meeting will be rescheduled.*
- Old Business
  - PushPay – *It was decided to not use this service. The Cathedral has discontinued its use of this provider.*
  - CST (Catholic Social Teaching) parish-wide retreat during Lent Feb 7. *Registration fee of \$5. Two sessions; morning and evening sessions will be identical. Facilitator is from St. Bridget's (Paul Amhrein).*
- New Business
  - *Maria noted that the horizontal rail in the Commons along the windows is a different color than the doors. She offered to help if painting is needed.*

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- *Robbie noted that the Knights held a Pub Nite on Jan 20. It was well attended. The Knights welcome any feedback that could improve future events.*
  
- *Recommended budget priorities?*  
Due to FC February 15, 2018 – use budget request form  
*Liturgy – Requested \$1,500 increase. This will help cover the cost to have Erin and a couple others attend the National Pastoral Musicians Conference in Baltimore, MD. PASTORAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.*  
*A&E – Requested \$2,000 increase. This will help cover the cost of renderings. PASTORAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.*  
*Youth – Requested \$5,000 increase to insure budget remains at current level. This will help to cover anticipated shortfall in Gift Card revenues. It is expected to be about \$4-5,000 below projections for this fiscal year. PASTORAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS AN INCREASE TO COVER GIFT CARD SHORTFALL.*  
*Council asks: is there is a way to purchase Gift Cards electronically (through e-giving, use a “square, etc); are there any other fundraisers planned? Can youth make an effort to more visibly show thanks for parish support (thank you video, help at Gift Card table, speak about activities during Homily)?*  
*Pastoral Council – Requests \$500 for next fiscal year. This is same as current budget. Funds are used to cover costs for retreat. PASTORAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.*
  
- **Closing Prayer: John**  
*Prayers are requested for Peggy Anderton. Her sister is in hospice.*  
*Prayers are requested for Donnie Gladfelter. His stepmother passed away.*

**Next Meeting Date: February 28<sup>th</sup> (Donnie)**