# 3/23/22

**Church of the Redeemer - Pastoral Council**

7:00 p.m. - 8:40 p.m*. In person*

**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:**, Larry Cunningham, John Swierczewski, Dennis Fiore, Don Piacentini, Jennifer Kocik, Tom Grasberger (Finance Council), Fr. Jim Cowles, Paula Otto (Facilitator), Jan (Finance Council), Dan Corso, Norm Carter, Bill Adams,

**Absent:**, Reagan Penny (Stewardship Committee), , Renee Reisenweaver (PC and Youth & Young Adult Ministry), Deacon Chris Colville, Laura Woodle, Shirley Husz,

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will. O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen

**Approval of minutes**

Approval of February Minutes by email. February minutes posted on Redeemer website.

**Committee Reports**:

**Finance Council Report: (**Tom Grasberger and Jan)

 Finance Council presented 2022/23 budget and council approved Budget.

 Income is running slightly over budget.

Carpet in the church will be replaced before Easter. Cost <$20,000. We have received significant gifts to offset the cost for the new carpet.

The worship space and several of the other facilities roofs are leaking and need to be replaced. The decision is to replace all the roofs at the same time. Estimated cost is $175,000 although not all bids are in. It is anticipated we will need a capital campaign to offset the cost of the roof replacement.

**Human Concerns** (Diane Atkins) – Dennis

We served lunch to 100 neighbors living in the margins and are currently helping an Afghan family that has come to Mechanicsville (the family is expecting a child in April). We will be able to purchase and deliver 30 Easter lilies for home bound parishioners.

**Fr. Jim’s Report:**

Friday March 25th, Feast of the Annunciation, he will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart. Fr Jim will hold a mass at 12pm as well.

**Pastoral Council Elections:**

Four new Council members will be elected in June. Nominations will be requested in late April or early May. Dates will be scheduled for nominating candidates, conduct meetings with candidates to review responsibilities of the Council and voting for candidates. Discussed adding communication on the election in the Good News, Redeemer Reminders, and Knights of Columbus letter.

**Strategic Planning and Bucket List:**

Pastoral Council has been looking at possible short- and long-term facility additions.

We have reviewed ideas with Fr. Jim and recommend improved signage on Meadowbridge Road (short term). Some research on what Hanover County will allow, is the sign on our property or an easement and estimated cost. (Update since the meeting, the sign on Meadowbridge Rd was damaged in an accident the weekend of March 26th requiring this item to be moved forward).

**Synod**

* 16 sessions Over 200 participants in the sessions were held
	+ A report has been compiled with the results from the sessions. This will be formerly presented to Fr Jim at masses this weekend and presented to a Parish Council member. The below volunteers will be available for the masses.
	+ Dennis- 8am
	+ Bill- 10am
	+ Dan- 530pm

**Liaisons:**

 Art and Environment (Kristi Lane) - Shirley

 Liturgy and Worship (Erin Woods) –

 Human Concerns (Diane Atkins) – Dennis

 Stewardship (Reagan Penny) – Norman

 Finance Council (Jan Moritz) – Don

 Youth/RE (Renee Reisenweaver) -

**Feedback from parishioners**:

None were brought to the council at this meeting.

**New / Other Business**

None

**Closing Prayer:**  Closed with Our Father

**Next Meeting Date**: April 27, 2022