

PC 8/28/2019

Church of the Redeemer - Pastoral Council

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mission: *We nurture the spiritual growth of all our members through vibrant celebrations of the sacraments, daily prayer, lifelong study of our faith, hospitality, and compassionate service to each other and to the "world beyond our doors."*

Present: Dennis Fiori, Rob Courter, Chris Colville, Shirley Husz, Sue Hunrath, Bob Kemmler, Tom Grasberger, Loraine Tracy, Jonathan de Bernardo, Robbie Prezioso, Daniel Corso, Fr. Jim Cowles, Don Piacentini, Larry Cunningham, Paul Sciolino

Absent: Renee Reisenweaver, Mary Anne Rutledge

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Introductions for the benefit of each other and Fr Jim were done
- Rob led opening prayer – he would like to use a standard opening prayer led and rotated among PC

Faith Formation

- Chris Colville led us in faith formation – 8-28-19 is the feast day for St. Augustine – the message for us from St. Augustine is to look for God inwardly before looking outwardly.

Ice-Breaker: *Rob led an ice breaker for the group – questions to be answered by each of us – 2 rounds were done – questions included things like, what's your favorite vacation spot? what is heavy on you mind this week?*

Approval of minutes

- No meeting held in July and June meeting was informal; approval of June minutes was not necessary since it was a send-off for Fr. Jay and the four PC members rolling off council.

Old Business

- Diocesan Bicentennial Books: Redeemer has purchased twelve. It was suggested that the parish purchase 300. We decided once they are published and received, a marketing effort needs to be put forth to the parish to let them know they are available. Fr. Jim felt like once they are published and seen, they will be very well received.

Update

- Pastor's Report: A welcome was given to Fr. Jim. Fr. reported that he has attended finance council and stewardship council meetings and is learning the roles of each council with the parish. Also expressed the importance of ensuring the understanding of the functions of each group.

- Deacon's Report: Chris reported that he and Ron Reger will be attending a Deacon Convocation in Sept. Also, per Fr. Jim's request, the deacon's and Fr. Jim will be alternating the homily every other week (i.e. one week Fr. Jim, one week deacon).

Committees/Groups:

Finance Council:

- Tom Grasberger reported that the rectory has a serious mold issue. He also explained that it will be undergoing remediation and renovations. It will be an extensive process and take approximately four months to complete. Once FC understands the complete cost it will be presented to the parish and funding will be determined. The HVAC and the roof system have been replaced within the last couple of years.
- The Facilities Preservation Committee will monitor the rectory in the future on a regular basis. Approval for temporary living has been secured and Fr. Jim will be living in an apartment while renovation takes place.
- Treatment of the Haiti account– FC discussed the amount in the account and the amount of time the money sits in the account. The account is used for teacher salaries, building houses, and disbursements on a regular basis. Suggested we have the lead (Susan) of the Haiti committee come to PC and discuss their accounts and funding.

Stewardship Council:

- No questions about report presented

R.E. & Youth:

- Jonathan will be the representative to the PC until a youth is appointed. Even then, he may still be present at the meetings to represent Terry Colville and to help ease the youth into the council.
- Registration is taking place for R.E. and confirmation interviews have begun. The Pre-school program NEEDS catechists. Jonathan also reported that they will be splitting the middle school students from the high school students. The middle school students will be meeting at 11 a.m. on Sundays and the high school students will be meeting on Sunday evenings 6 p.m., and using the Life Teen program. Sept. 15th is the youth kick off.

Liturgy & Worship:

- Report submitted – no questions or concerns voiced – no discussion

Art & Environment:

- Discussed this group may be disbanding / reducing in size; no need for a liaison from PC.
- Currently working on acquiring a Mary statue to put in the chapel.
- Kristy Lane is working on different ways that the stations of the cross may be enhanced. When this information is gathered she will present it to Fr. Jim and the PC.

Evangelization:

- A concert for 2020 is still being worked on – the next meeting for this group is 8/29/19 – more information to be given with the September report.

Christian Care / Human concerns:

- Report present – no questions or concerns voiced

Called to Serve

- Rob briefly mentioned that this will remain a standing agenda item to reinforce the understanding of PC.

What are you hearing?/ New Business

- Committee assignments discussed – final assignments to be sent out by Rob.
- Paul notified the group that his family is moving to Nashville and he will be joining them there. We will need to fill Paul's spot. The group thanked him and wished him well with his new adventures.
- Larry voiced that he'd like to see PC "follow through" better in keeping the parish informed. A lot of times the parish will hear about "this" or "that" and what action needs to take place to address the concern(s), but not very often does the parish hear about the end results or get closure.
- Discussion on how the PC gets info to the parish and how best to do that: Good News? Constant contact? A link to the PC in the weekly reminders? Fr. Jim suggested a short paragraph in the bulletin on a regular basis (month probably) giving highlights; to contact the PC members with questions.
- Age old question – how do we recruit / welcome / encourage younger families to become a part of Redeemer and be involved.
- Defibrillator: question was asked, who is trained to use these? Staff is; Robbie will suggest to the usher coordinator that the ushers be trained on how to use it.

Action Items

1. Determine a replacement for Paul Sciolino
2. PC Retreat scheduled for October 19th (tentatively for 9am – 3pm); Rob and Loraine will work on facilitator; Richmond Hill was proposed as the potential PC Retreat space (Loraine will contact)
3. Rectory: once FC understands full cost of rectory repairs PC will meet with FPC to have them determine a communication plan to deliver to the parish.
4. Potential marketing effort for the Diocesan Centennial book once published.
5. Ongoing item: Communication plan for PC: could potentially be addressed in the Retreat?

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting Date: September 25, 2019