

**Church of the Redeemer
Pastoral Council Meeting
June 22, 2016
Minutes**

Attending:

Tad Stilwell	Ellen Spain	Fr. Jay Wagner	David Hopper
Jacquie Linklater	Jackie Kessler	Chris Colville	Marilyn Alfaro
Terry DelVecchio	Tom Grasberger	John Kadukammakal	Donnie Gladfelter
Carolyn Brand	Loraine Tracy		

Absent:

Jane Nucup	Peggy Anderton	Jesse Lopez	Maria Harris
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Carolyn provided refreshment and opened the meeting with prayer.

Loraine led formation using Session Four of the “Be Merciful” booklet.

Tad asked for committee reports.

Sacred Art: Carolyn reported that the committee has contacted two consultants. One will be coming for free of charge to view the worship space and our general building and grounds. He is working with St. Bede’s in Williamsburg and is piggy backing a stop at Redeemer when he is scheduled to be in Williamsburg. He will give us ideas for a vision for incorporating art in the building and surrounding areas. The other consultant is willing to visit. We will be responsible for his fee and accommodations. The details are being worked out and a proposal for his visit will be made to finance council.

Faith and Giving: Terry reported that the phone calls to the names on the inactive list of 500+ names are almost complete. Calls were to be completed by May 7, but some folks are still working on their lists. Phone call attempts and phone call follow-ups, email attempts and follow-ups were made. Many were non responsive. Now the plan is to send a letter to all names with “no response” which will include a self-address stamped post card.

The post card will ask that the person to check a box for “yes I am interested in being a parishioner or No I am not interested, take me off your list”

Hopefully the cards will be mailed back and the parish member list can be purged of non-responsive names.

Non responsive names will be highlighted for the Stewardship committee. Stewardship committee is responsible for contacting parishioners who did not return an annual commitment form. Stewardship committee will not call the highlighted names so as not to make unneeded calls.

On a side note, Terry said that she was told that this process has been discussed about for 25 years and it hasn’t been done yet. It is a big job and hopefully will be completed soon and the parishioner list will be somewhat up to date.

Vice Chair: Ellen reported that the first Emergency Preparedness Training will take place tomorrow night, June 23, 2016. It is for pastor, staff, prayer leaders and deacons. Another will take place soon for more people.

Pastor's Report: Fr Jay reported that due to the storm, we have a \$9,000 estimate to remove downed trees and limbs. A tree fell on the neighbor's property. Trees came down at the rectory but electricity stayed on.

We are still receiving applications for the Administrator's job. Sharon is leaving at the end of August. Hope to close applications at the end of June and interview during July so that Sharon will be able to spend some time training her replacement.

The Diocesan Appeal has been moved from October to the following January.

Finance: Tom reported that we have had \$12,000 in maintenance costs in recent weeks: \$4,000 in roof repair, \$3,000 in repairs to the sound system in Gen Hall B, \$2,800 for the dumpster pad and committed \$1,700 to the cost of the digital kiosk (about one third of the total cost).

New items are coming up: Landscaping for security reasons, a water issue in the basement and now the tree removal.

The new doors are still being handled. Sharon is having a little trouble getting quotes and samples back from some companies. Hopefully some of the issues were resolved this week and the committee is going to meet soon. The cost will be around \$50,000 and will include two handicapped entrances.

The offertory continues to rise but our costs also continue to rise.

Deacon's Report: The Deacon Convocation will be in September. The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service will continue through the summer. Many different types of prayer are offered. Chris invited the council to attend as it would be good for parish leadership to attend some of the services. Attendance varies from 6-30. An evening Mass is scheduled for Wednesday of All Soul's Day and the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.

Stewardship: Chris C. said that Terry's report pretty much covered Stewardship. The response to the Stewardship Fair was mixed. The 5:30 and 8:00 Masses were not well attended but the 10:00 Mass was well attended.

No other committee reports were given.

Introductions of all Council members as we welcomed two new members, John Kadukammakal and Donnie Gladfelter

Tad dispensed with the usual agenda. He asked for comments/suggestions/criticisms of the past year and if we could do anything better or different.

Jackie Kessler thanked Tad for his service as Chair of the Council this past year and all agreed that the past year was a year of good beginnings and the committees that were started will continue to do well.

Tad thanked David Hopper for leading us through a discussion of “Called to Serve” which is the Diocesan document that guides Pastoral Councils. Tad also thanked Loraine Tracy for her help as staff liaison to the committee.

Ellen presented Tad and Terry DeVelcchio departing gifts as they are rotating off of council after serving three years. A round of applause was given for their service and commitment.

Carolyn closed the meeting with prayer.