# PC 2/24/21

**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, Robbie Prezioso, Mary Anne Rutledge

**Absent:** Dennis Fiore, Sue Hunrath

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

**Faith Formation**

* Given by Chris Colville – Chris read the gospel for the day, where Moses is in Egypt trying to free the Israelites. His take away from the reading for all of us is this: Jesus is the Pascal lamb for us. We owe it to God to prepare for Easter, and to show our faith to others. Chris’s challenge to us: what will we do to prepare ourselves for the divine gift of salvation that God gave us, his son Jesus Christ.

**Approval of minutes**

* Approval of January minutes had been given via email from the council earlier in the month, allowing for posting of the minutes on the church website.

**Committee Reports**:

* No discussion on any reports submitted. (Religious Education / Renee. Social Justice will be submitting their report every 3 months.)

**Stewardship Council Report:**

* Reagan was not able to be with us. At this point in time, there is no new information regarding the PSG program, More discussion / information to be had in April / May time frame.

**Finance Council Report:**

* Tom Grasberger reported that the collections through January came in $5k below budget, which finance council was pleased with, considering the current state of affairs due to the pandemic.
* eGiving is going very well, but loose change giving is down, which is to be expected
* It’s been determined and Redeemer does not qualify for the second round of PPP loans. At this time Regina is working on the forgiveness process for the first PPP loan received.
* It’s time to work on the budget for 2021 – 2022. Tom stated that it is important to set the expectation per month vs. our cashflow on a monthly basis. At this time, we’re doing ok because of the lack of activity at the church – utilities are less; we have fewer employees right now, etc.
* There are still a couple of items with the rectory that will be addressed this spring. There are funds in the rectory renovation project to cover any extra expenses.

**Chris Colville:**

* The facilities preservation committee is meeting next week. At this time, the plan is to meet on a quarterly basis. Right now, they have a long list of items to review and prioritize. Tom Grasberger suggested that the committee maintain communication with the finance council so that financial needs for projects can be planned for as best as possible.
* Rob Courter suggested that when the preservation committee meets that they determine a chairperson. This will allow for better communication to and from the committee.

**Feedback from parishioners**:

* None were brought to the council at this meeting.

**Budget conversation:**

* At the April parish council meeting we will review the budget put together by the finance council.
* The question was asked if we still provide money to the diocese for Catholic Schools and the answer to that is yes. In general, there is an increase each year, which varies. We should know more in March or April from the diocese what that amount is for our budgeting purposes.

**Other Information:**

* The finance council is working on their Operating Principles and hope to have them to the Parish Council to review in March.
* Stewardship Council Operating Principles are anticipated being sent to Don and Fr. Jim within the next week or two.
* General conversation was had regarding the role of the Parish Council. What things should be brought to the parish council for input. It was agreed that the role of the parish council is more of a visionary role, and that at times it would be a courtesy to get input / feedback from the parish council.

**Fr. Jim Report:**

* Fr. Jim shared that they expect to have a youth minister by the end of the week.
* A Faith Formation person is not being addressed at this time.
* The Legacy Program will be presented to the Finance Council at the March 11th meeting.
* The Lenten package that was put together went over well.
* Fr. Jim attended the Deanery meeting today – seems like the other 9 parishes in our deanery are about on the same page as Redeemer in regards to parish activity, finances, masses, etc.
* The staff is in the process of planning Holy Week and Easter.
* This weekend Fr. Jim will be addressing the Diocesan support appeal.
* Fr. Jim expects to be putting the 8 a.m. mass back in place very soon – date yet to be determined.

**New / Other Business**

* Parish Council elections: continue to be thinking about folks we can ask to be on PC. Please submit names to Don. Those names will be given to Fr. Jim who will send a letter to those individuals, asking them to consider running for the council.
* **Closing Prayer:**  Closed with the Our Father

**Next Meeting Date**: March 24, 2021 via zoom