

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2019

Parish Staff		Present	Parish Pastoral Council		Present
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes	PPC Member 2017-2019	Fortunato Barajas	no
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Ralph Roberts	no	PPC Member 2017-2019	Andy Barrenechea	no
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	yes	PPC Member 2017-2019	Carrie Palmer	yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Tim Schulz	yes
			PPC Member 2018-2020	Terri Garza	yes
			PPC Member 2018-2020	Grant Roscoe	yes
Parishioners			PPC Member 2018-2020	Tim Wentte	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2021	Rosanne Cook	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2021	Victor Jackson	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2021	Matt Lane	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2021	Marjorie Maloney	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2021	Shawn Muldoon	yes

Meeting began: 7:04 PM

Opening prayer: Tim Schulz

PPC Matters:

- **Spring Festival** – Each PPC (with spouse/significant other) is requested to work at the Ticket Booth. We will sign-up for our shifts at the March meeting.
- **Spring Festival Auction Basket** – PPC will once again prepare a basket for the festival. Our typical basket contains a hotel stay in downtown Houston, dinner gift card, massage, etc. Lisa Veenstra has taken the lead on this basket in the past. Fr. Sean will ask Lisa if she would be willing to do it again. Each PPC member is asked to contribute ~\$25 for our basket.
- **Spring Festival Dates, April 27 & 28** – These dates are the week after Easter and will complicate the last 2 weeks of preparation for the core team and staff.
- **Spring Festival, Core Team future retirement** – The Core Team has members that will soon step aside (within the next 2 to 5 years). Beginning this year, it is time to develop a succession from this Core Team (Havelkas; Croies, etc.) to the next team. Mike Havelka needs to document his knowledge, steps/process of

what, how, and when things need to be done. PPC may need to assist with the succession. Simply stated, what does the Spring Festival look like with a new core team. It was suggested that we “put the Havelkas on a ministry tour” to spread the enthusiasm. Also, it is important to bring other parishioners to the ministry. This cannot be put off and needs to be worked on this summer.

Open Forum: No members from the parish were in attendance to address the council.

Information sharing from Fr. Sean & Dcn Kerry:

- Covered lighting is done; fencing on backside of property that touches RAC done (it prohibits cross traffic from adjacent neighborhood); leaks in church being looked at on Friday. Check list on RAC is almost complete
- 3 expectant mothers in office (due dates in May, June, and August) – staffing issue being addressed
- Stewardship Council – About 10-12 years ago as CtR was involved in massive construction projects, stewardship as an event and/or council was put aside. This ministry will resume with Ashley Bass leading the effort. She has shared good ideas with Fr. Sean and will soon address the PPC.
- January Prayer Breakfast brought together a lot of ministries. CtR needs to create a matrix of what we do and who are the ministry leaders. Currently, we do have a contact person on staff for each ministry. Tim remarked that in a previous parish, the different ministries addressed the PPC to outline the focus their ministry.
- Debbie Hawkins retired after 17+ years of service at CtR. She was our longest tenured employee. Marisel Menendez will replace Debbie as registrar. Marisel is bilingual.
- Fr. Sean remarked on the special Prayer Service for Healing of the Church held on Wednesday, February 6th at CtR. Fr. Sean serves on the Priest Response Team for Cardinal DiNardo. Cardinal DiNardo is requesting 4 parishes, one in each region/vicariate, to hold a Prayer Service for Healing of the Church on Friday, March 15th. Fr. Sean (CtR) would be one of the host churches. Cardinal DiNardo would be holding one of the simultaneous prayer services at the Co-Cathedral. Fr. Sean shared his concern for the likelihood of other parishes joining us, the conflicts with spring break, fish fry, Stations of the Cross, driving to CtR versus the Co-Cathedral to pray with the Cardinal.
- PPC members shared the same sentiments and offered suggestions. Matt stated the need to have other pastors participate to encourage their parishioners to join us. Carrie

stated that people need to hear from their shepherd, the Cardinal. We see him on the news, but to be in his presence and hear directly from him would better serve the flock and be more efficacious. It was suggested to encourage the Cardinal to make it personal and reach out to the flock with a total of 4 healing prayer services, one in each region, perhaps every other week (3 more than what the Cardinal has currently committed). Fr. Sean will make suggestions at his next meeting with the Cardinal.

Open Discussion:

- Our two former seminarians discerned out of seminary in December. They will continue their studies at UD. They were very young men discerning for the seminary. As they mature, their journey may return them to this discernment.
- Facility issue – Upstairs restrooms in the RAC presented a modesty issue at the 8th grade retreat when large groups of girls and boys were waiting in line to use the restrooms. When the boys' room door opens, boys can be seen at urinals. This same issue occurs near the narthex restrooms, but not as visible since people are walking and not waiting in line. Dcn. Kerry will address this issue.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 6:00 PM

Prayer Volunteer for next meeting: Marjorie Maloney

Closing Prayer: Tim Schulz

Meeting adjourned: 8:16 PM