

Christ The King Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting on Jan. 24, 2024

1. All present for meeting starting at 7pm.
2. The meeting opened with a prayer.
3. The minutes of the prior meeting were adopted unanimously.

4. Committee Reports:

Theresa Rose Woodward reported on the **Liturgy Committee** activities.

Abigail Walsh attended her first meeting committee. She will work on enhancing the outside sound system in time for the Palm Sunday service, as there have been problems in the past.

Theresa reported on the status of the outdoor Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi. Approval has not yet been secured. It will be discussed at the February Haddonfield Commissioners meeting.

After extended discussion regarding some recommendations of the liturgy committee, it was the consensus of the Council that the Gospel book on the altar with the gold cover should be retained in its present location, but the gold cover should be removed. In addition, there should be research done into the cost of renovating the space in the back of the Church now housing the St Vincent DePaul box in order to establish a devotional space for a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary which a parishioner is willing to purchase.

5. John Kearney reported on the **Social Justice Committee** activities. The speaker series continues through the Spring. Starting in the fall, the program will transition into a local mission activity for the parish. In that regard, John K and Fr. Jon visited the SSJ Neighborhood Center in Camden to see what it could offer CTK parish and what our parishioners could offer in terms of service activities. A handout explaining the many activities the Neighborhood Center offers its Camden neighbors was discussed. The Council was enthusiastic in recommending that the parish work out an agreement to have the SSJ Neighborhood Center as its local mission. Fr. Jon will follow up with the Center to iron out the details. It was suggested that Sr. Bonnie of the Center speak to the parish in the fall as part of a kickoff effort to introduce the parish to the Center.
6. Jen Coelho reported on the **Haddonfield Council of Churches**. She noted that the National Day of Prayer Breakfast was scheduled for May 2nd at 8:30am at the Methodist Church in Haddonfield.
7. Colleen Hirst reported on the **Faith Formation Committee** activities. The committee reviewed Isidore for comments by parishioners regarding various activities. Various ideas to improve programs based on these comments were developed by the committee.

Fr. Jon requested a list of these ideas so he can determine what can be done to implement them. (Those ideas are attached in Colleen's email dated January 25th).

8. Old Business:

Fr. Jon led a review of parish statistics from 2019 compared with 2023 which showed progress in many aspects of parish life. This review, to be titled Forward In Faith, will be distributed to the parish at large by mail, email, and in the parish Sunday Bulletin.

9. New Business:

- A. There was a discussion of who should lead the next parish mission. Fr. Jon presented several alternative speakers including the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. Fr. Jon will follow up to secure more information about possible mission topics and references from other parishes and report back.
- B. There was a report by Fr. Jon on the staff restructuring that he is implementing. (A chart explaining the restructuring was provided by Fr. Jon and is attached). Various council members provided Fr. Jon with feedback of the performance of some employees from their perspective. Fr. Jon indicated he was aware of the situation and was addressing it.
- C. There was a discussion of the development of a pew card to be placed in the pews as in done in various other churches. Fr. Jon showed the council a prototype he is developing, to which the council provided some suggestions. It is hoped that these cards can be in the pews by Easter.
- D. Fr. Jon reported on the resignation of Don Nigro from the parish council. It was noted that there will be four openings on council when elections are held in May. Council members were urged to encourage parishioners to attend the May meeting and run for council.
- E. Pete raised the issue of having a CTK Family Day event. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

10. The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:48pm.

John Kearney, Secretary