

## **Christ The King Pastoral Council Meeting**

**March 20, 2024**

1. Meeting commenced at 7:03pm. All present except Pete D'Antonio and Brandon Cooley.
2. Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr.Jon.
3. The minutes from the last meeting were adopted unanimously upon motion by Karena Rosa, seconded by Colleen Hirst.
4. Liturgical Committee Report: Theresa-Rose Woodward noted that the next meeting is in two weeks. Several things of note: the St. Vincent de Paul closet has been cleaned out and the design is moving along. Also, the permit for an outdoor Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am was approved by the Haddonfield Commissioners, It will be held at Library Point. Volunteers are needed.
5. Faith Formation Committee Report: Colleen Hirst reported that there was no recent formal meeting. However, suggestions about the website were passed along and changes were made. Some typos still need to be corrected.
6. Social Justice Committee Report: John Kearney reported that the last speaker of our series, Sister Sharon, spoke on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Some changes to the Committee and its programs are forthcoming and will be discussed below.
7. Council of Churches Report Jen Coelho noted that there are several upcoming activities. The Seven Last Words service will be conducted. Details will be in the bulletin. The Day of Prayer Breakfast will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 830am at the Methodist Church. On June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Christ the King will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for Haddonfield high school seniors. Jen Coelho is lining up volunteers
8. **Old Business:**
  - A. Update on Local Mission Project at SSJ Neighborhood Center: Fr. Jon and Cheryl Judge have been talking to those in the parish who have been helping elsewhere to get them on board with this new parish wide effort. While there has been some discussion, he hopes that at least 50% of those working on other ministries

will join in the work of our parishioners at the Neighborhood Center.

- B. To kick off the project, Sr. Bonnie from the center will speak at all Masses the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the September Ministry Fair will have team leaders for the activities at the center present to recruit parishioners for specific activities. A video will be produced of the work at the center which can be shown at the Ministry Fair. In addition, there will be written communication to all parishioners by email and snail mail to introduce in detail the Neighborhood Center Project. There will also be a regular column in the Sunday Bulletin, along with photos, to keep everyone updated on the work by parishioners there. Finally, the next two Giving Tuesdays will be used to raise funds for the Neighborhood Center.
- C. There was a discussion about the 2024 Parish Mission. The council agreed that we should have a parish mission near the feast of Christ the King led by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.
- D. There was a discussion about whether comments left on the Isidore system can be anonymous. After extensive discussion, it was the recommendation of the council that anonymous comments again be permitted. It was also recommended that the QR code needs a hyperlink for feedback just like the QR code found in the bulletin.

## **9. New Business:**

- A. Discussion of Reconstituted Social Justice Committee: Chris Coelho is stepping off the committee. Going forward, the leaders of the activities at the Neighborhood Center will be ex officio members of the Social Justice Committee. The pro-life committee led by Jen McHugh-Barker will also be part of the committee. In addition, Fr. Jon spoke to Shelby, the young lives coordinator, who has raised money for moms over the last several years by collecting money in baby bottles. Fr. Jon explained to her that we may not be able to support her work once our parish starts working with the Neighborhood Center, as we will do our work with new moms there.
- B. Work on the parish calendar (Sept.'24 to Aug.'25) will be undertaken by staff in May.

- C. The council approved the idea of a parish family picnic. Pete D'Antonio was appointed chair of the family picnic committee. The picnic will be scheduled sometime in October as a "welcome back" event and will not be on a Eagles home game Sunday.
  - D. The council noted that the marriage event that was revived this year was well attended and should be conducted again next February.
  - E. Planning for the Upcoming Discernment Meeting in May: The meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have 100 parishioners attend. To do so, we will need to remind people about it early and often. There will be babysitting. There is someone who has volunteered to do it, but there is a need for an RSVP system to know how many children will need to be watched. For the various activities at the meeting, Jen McHugh-Barker will check last year's roles and give out assignments to council members.
10. The meeting concluded with a prayer at 8:19pm.

**John Kearney, Secretary**