

## Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

### Council Members in attendance:

Father Paul Nwaeze  
Father Rick Lorenz  
Donna Bisson  
Cathy Deogrades  
David Dupuis  
Ted Hurley  
Wayne Watts

**Other attendees:** Cathy Koss (Youth Coordinator), Sharon Sudsbear (Catholic Women's League) and Bob Near (Knights of Columbus)

Call to Order – Chair Wayne Watts convened the meeting at approximately 4:31 p.m.

- 1) Approval of February minutes - approved
- 2) Review and define role of the Welcoming Committee
  - a. The goals of the welcoming ministry include greeting people (hello/welcome and goodbye) at each mass and building relationships
  - b. For the most part the first goal is being achieved and we need to start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal
  - c. The parish has created a welcoming package and a welcome stand in the foyer but at present no one is manning the stand; over 20 packages have been taken but only 1 has been returned
  - d. Father Paul to meet with Kirsten about having a volunteer man the stand to give out the packages and to ask people if they would like to leave their name and number for someone from the church to follow up with them; Donna has offered to follow up with anyone who leaves contact info
- 3) Alpha Program Reboot –Father Paul believes the Alpha Program is a tool to be used in our vocation to be missionaries. He has put together a committee with himself, Dave Dupuis and Bob Bisson to looking at offering the Alpha program in the fall. He would like to include a member from the Knights and one from CWL in this planning committee. They will meet March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Succession plan for Council end of term –
  - a. Donna will be stepping down from council in June
  - b. Election for new council members (would like a minimum of 3) will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> at the AGM
  - c. A nomination committee consisting of Father Paul, Donna and Bob will meet to prepare announcements to be read at mass and to be inserted in the bulletin for April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Nominations can be accepted up to 2 weeks prior to the AGM

- 5) Volunteer Appreciation Night – updates
  - a. David will be contacting the various heads of ministries to determine the amount of invites each group will require and aim to have those out to all groups by April
  
- 6) Flourishing Congregation Survey Results/5-year Plan  
Council agreed to delay these discussions until after the new council is in place and to host a one-day retreat over the summer to begin to focus on goals of the parish which will help to create the plan. Input from various ministries will be required during this process.
  
- 7) New Business
  - a. Corona Virus – changes at mass include reserving the chalice only for the celebrant and no shaking hands
  - b. Exemplification celebration by the Knights this Saturday has been postponed
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> scrutiny this Sunday
  - d. Couples participating in the parish marriage preparation course will be attending the 5pm mass this Saturday – Cathy asked if there could be a blessing for them during mass
  - e. CWL elections in June – the CWL flag for the church has arrived
  - f. Lenten mission March 22<sup>nd</sup> – theme - return to me with all your heart
  - g. Wayne notified council that there is currently a rodent problem and asked if anyone on council objected to an exterminator being brought in to deal with it – no objections from council – Wayne will speak with Finance Council
  
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.**