PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

1/5/2016

PRESENT: Fr. Khoi Tran, Steven Booker, Susan Tugman, Tammy Gerstner, Tom Peoples, Greg Leonard, Linda Gibson, Susie Nix, Margie Poole

Meeting started with an opening prayer.

Old Business:

1. **Comments on Advent/Christmas season – Everyone thought the church was beautiful. Those who attended really enjoyed the Parish Mission speaker.**
2. **Hiring of DRE Director – Dave Poole was hired. Margie Poole accepted a position with Catholic Charities. Dave's benefit package from the Dioceses includes insurance. If Dave chooses to go on Margie's insurance through Catholic Charities, then we will pay him for his mileage when he is traveling to the other parishes.**

New Business:

1. **Update and status of All Things Possible Funds for the Parish Hall. Per the Finance Council, we have about $10,074.06 as of 1/11/2016. The money cannot be transferred to the Parish's bank account. We must make our purchases/improvements, then the money will be reimbursed through the All Things Possible account.**
    a. **The Pastoral Council decided on 3 priorities: A new stove for the Parish Hall kitchen, a new larger tank less water heater, and if funds allow a larger refrigerator for the kitchen.**
2. **Discuss volunteers for the Building Committee – committee will consist of 2 members from the Pastoral Council and 2 members from the Finance Council**
    a. **Linda Gibson and Greg Leonard will serve from the Pastoral Council.**
    b. **Fr. Khoi will solicit volunteers from Finance Council.**
    c. **The Building Committee will compose a list of essentials. Then they will do a survey / Town Hall meeting. They will then discern all recommendations and come up with two choices for everyone to vote on.**
3. **Recommendations on preparation of next year's budget:**
    a. **Fr. Khoi wants to change the thermostats to "smart" ones. It will run about $125 per unit. He wants to accomplish the changeover in two stages – 1st the education building, 2nd the church building.**
    b. **Check with the DRE as to needs in our education program.**
    c. **Fix the crack in the church walls and ceiling. Fr. Khoi will shop around.**

d. A new marquee sign
e. Add more lighting in the parking lot and around the buildings – very dark at night. Margie P. will look into different options.
f. Covered walkway from the curved drive to the door so people can be dropped off out of the elements. Chris Koulovatos is supposed to be checking of this for Fr. Khoi.
g. Fr. Khoi asked what the Council thought about putting two large screen TVs in the front of the church to project hymns and responses. It was decided that the TV idea is not feasible for the Parish.

4. Discuss Lent season schedule and Parish enrichment projects during Lent.
    a. The Council wanted to bring Kim Brown for another evening Parish Mission.
    b. Fr. Khoi presented his plans for a Youth and Young Adult Rally. The Rally will be on a Saturday from 9 am thru 5:00 Mass. He will bring in two speakers and a band from Ft. Worth. The groups will be divided into High School, and Young Adult (18-30ish). Cost would be $10 per person. An invitation will go out to other Parishes in the area.
    c. Fr. Khoi also talked about doing a video presentation from Robert Barron. There would be two 60 minute videos, with discussion after each.
    d. Proposed Schedule for Lent:
        i. Ash Wednesday February 10:
            1. 8:30 am – Christ The King
            2. 5:30 pm – Electra
            3. 7:00 pm – St. Jude
        ii. Thursday February 25: Penance Service
        iii. Holy Week
            1. Holy Thursday, 3/24, Christ The King
            2. Good Friday, 3/25, 5:00 pm @ St. Jude; 7:00 pm @ Electra
            3. Easter Vigil, 3/26, 6:00 @ Christ The King; 8:30 @ St. Jude
            4. Easter Sunday, 3/27, 8:30 am @ Electra; 11:00 am @ St. Jude

Other Business/Info:

As of January 11, 2016 Deacon Burke will no assisting Mass at Christ the King. Fr. Khoi will be the only one responsible.

Fr. David Cruz is planning to retire from the military. He may not be replaced. Many could be coming from Sheppard AFB to St. Jude. Look for new people and make them feel welcomed.

Next meeting will be a joint Pastoral and Finance Council meeting February 2, 2016.
Closing prayer (8:25) – Meeting adjourned.