

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes – [May 28th, 2024]

Parish Staff		Present
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Vincent Tran	No
Deacon/Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	No
Parishioners		

Parish Pastoral Council		Present
PPC Member 2022-2024	Harry Conte	Yes
PPC Member 2022-2024	Jessica Juarez, Chair	Yes
PPC Member 2022-2024	Sarah Seidman	No
PPC Member 2022-2024	Keith Thomas	Yes
PPC Member 2023-2025	Ed Crosson	Yes
PPC Member 2023-2025	Gretchen Towe	No
PPC Member 2023-2025	Juan Davila, Vice Chair	Yes
PPC Member 2023-2025	Cindy MacDonald	Yes
PPC Member 2024-2026	Ken Aubry	Yes
PPC Member 2024-2026	Tim Pham	Yes
PPC Member 2024-2026	Elva (Sofia) Villarreal	No
PPC Member 2024-2026	Bradley Wargo, Recorder	Yes

Meeting began: [7:05] pm

Opening prayer: Fr. Sean

## PPC Matters:

### Spring Festival Review

#### Megan's (Festival Lead) Comments

- Waiting on various receipts to finalize numbers.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Next Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall with Mexican food.
- The festival was both a community and financial success.
- **Revenue:** \$280K-\$285K; one of the top 5 successful festivals.

## Festival Feedback for 2025 (consolidated)

### Volunteer and Planning:

- **Volunteer Pipeline:** Build for all roles, including Game chair (two volunteers needed: one long-term, one rotating).
- **Festival Planning:** Start in the fall to identify new champions and plan effectively.

### Ticketing and Activities:

- **Ticketing:**
  - Consider removing all-day passes in favor of individual tickets for better accessibility and clarity. "Felt like a money grab."
  - **Pre-Done Ticket Bundles:** Successful and should be continued, maybe expanded to bundles of 50 as well.
- **Activities:**
  - Explore alternatives for ages 7-14 (e.g., laser tag in the gym).
  - Continue successful events like the magic show.
  - We debated on the timing and nature of the flea market to maximize success and potential charitable contributions. Still open to discussion.

### General Logistics:

- **Signage and Information:** Improve signage for Mother's room and medical space.
- **Parking and Driver Plan:** Designate parking areas more clearly and reinforce bus driver schedules and processes.
- **Cash Handling:** Consider adding cash drawers for better cash management.

### Other Feedback:

- **Food Vendor Feedback:** Better supply management and food safety training needed.
- **Clean-Up Crew:** Post-festival clean-up team was very effective.
- **QR Code for Food:** Well-received; need more information on rides and entertainment.
- **Tot Spot:** Huge success for families. Parents purchased wine and kids were able to play.
- **Saturday/Sunday Events:** Consider different themes or bands to distinguish days.
- **External Competition:** Bridgeland festival potentially impacted attendance.
- **Wine Garden:** Happy with their new location. Considered successful.
- **T-Shirts:** Debating viability; leftover shirts to be donated to Star of Hope

## Festival Acknowledgments and Final Thoughts

- Staff cleaned up Monday which was a great aid in the overall success.
- Special appreciation for a young man whose name is unknown that heard they needed help and worked his butt off at the end during clean up. – The spirit of the community.
- A new vendor for tents and chairs provided higher quality and efficiency.

- Plans for a ministry fair tour in the fall to highlight festival needs and ministry participation. The council will be asked to spread the word.

## Upcoming Events and Updates

- **Spring Festival Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** June 6th, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall with Mexican food.
- **Last Coffee and Donuts:** June 2nd.
- **Blood Drive:** July 14th.
- **Trivia Night:** July 27th in the Youth Ministry Suite. Fundraiser for all youth ministry events. Open to everyone 12+, team or solo, with Fr. Sean in attendance.
- **Annual Ministry Fair:** September 7th & 8th after every mass. Funnel cake was considered for food.
- **Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** September 29th - October 4th, 2024 (Mexico City).
- **Summer Events:** VBS, Catholic Faith Camp, and Other Summer Activities.

## Open Forum:

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

## Information sharing from Fr. Sean:

### Festival Money Usage:

- **Lighting upgrades** in Youth Suite and Chapel.
- **Soundboard replacement** in the church.

**Deacon Jeff Speight:** Moving to a new parish in Little Rock.

### Very Busy May:

- 2 first communion masses (~100 people each)
- 2 confirmation masses (1 even in the dark)
- Power outage for 4 days, yet mass was successful
- Power came back to have graduation on time the next day, 38 kids graduated from 8th grade

**Summer Facility Maintenance:** Focus on smaller tasks like cleaning, painting, or lighting.

**Church Exterior Cleaning:** Arranged at a great deal for a startup and low cost for the church.

### Interns:

- Eli Thomas (Youth Ministry)
- Courtney Reed (Communications)

**New Hire:** Monica D'Amico, Married Life Coordinator.

**School and Religious Education Plans:** 5-year plan results to be announced soon.

**Financial Update:**

- 2025 fiscal year budget approved. 2024 budget in the black.
- **Debt Reduction:** From \$11.5M to \$6M, aiming for under \$4M within 5 years. Will be consolidating with the dioceses.

**Next Meeting: June 25th, 2024**

**Prayer Volunteer for next meeting: Tim Pham**

**Closing Prayer: Cindy MacDonald**

**Meeting adjourned: [8:35] pm**