

**CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

IN ATTENDANCE: FR.JOE, RENE', KEN ROONEY FROM STEWARDSHIP, AMY, TOM, CRAIG, DIANA, BOB, SUE, JAKE, JAN

ABSENT: KAREN, PAM, LINDA, GLENN

OPENING PRAYER: JAKE READ THE GOSPEL FOR THIS WEEK; LUKE 4: 1-13. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2010 WERE APPROVED

COMMISSION REPORTS WITH FOCUS ON REVIEWING PROGRESS TOWARDS OBJECTIVES-

YOUTH MINISTRY- NO REPORT

EDUCATION- REFER TO THE MEETING MINUTES POSTED ON THE WEBPAGE.

SERVICE- THE BLOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS WITH 99 BLOOD DONORS. AGAIN, THE TIME IT TOOK FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DONATE BLOOD WAS VERY MUCH IMPROVED.

THE TITHING COMMITTEE WILL BE SPELLING OUT PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING HOW FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED TO THOSE IN NEED. A COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURES AND BRING THEM TO THE COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

STEWARDSHIP- KEN ROONEY BEGAN BY THANKING TOM, JAKE AND CRAIG FOR ATTENDING THEIR STEWARDSHIP MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND FOR PROVIDING POSITIVE INPUT. KEN THANKED TOM FOR THE WORK HE DID ON THE PROPOSED CENSUS FORM. THE USE OF THE FORM WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BY THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION.

-IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL AT LARGE MEMBERS WILL GO TO RANDOM COMMISSION MEETINGS ON THE MONTHS THAT A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS NOT PLANNED IN HOPES OF CREATING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING, BY COUNCIL, OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONS.

WE WERE \$51,000 BELOW BUDGET AS OF THE END OF JANUARY 2010. THIS WAS A TOPIC OF SERIOUS DISCUSSION; HOW DO WE PLAN TO PAYOFF THE DEBT. HOW DO WE RAISE MONEY WITHOUT BEING "OFF PUTTING"? WE NEED TO BEGIN BY SAYING THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THUS FAR.

IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH GIVE TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH. PERHAPS WE NEED TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE PUT TESTIMONIALS IN THE BULLETIN, SHARING STORIES ON DIFFERENT WAYS AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES WITH GIVING.

TOM SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS WE NEED TO BEGIN TELLING PEOPLE WHERE WE ARE, THAT PERHAPS WE HAVE NOT BEEN FORTH COMING IN THIS AREA. LET PEOPLE KNOW, " YOU ARE WELCOME NO MATTER WHAT, BUT HERE ARE OUR NEEDS. " TOM ASKS THAT STEWARDSHIP, PUT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH AN ACTION PLAN WITHIN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS AND ACT ON IT BEFORE JUNE. KEN WILL TAKE THE SUGGESTION BACK TO STEWARDSHIP.

FR JOE MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A PLAN IN THE WORKS FOR THAT. A NEW PLAN FOR FALL IS TO HAVE 2 WEEKENDS FOR THE MINISTRY FAIR, A THIRD WEEKEND FOR THE TOPIC OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING, AND THE FOURTH WEEKEND FOR VOLUNTEERING THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING MASS IN AN EFFORT TO GET A BETTER VOLUNTEER RESPONSE. THIS IS BEST DONE IN THE FALL DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE READINGS AT THAT TIME GO NICELY WITH THE TOPIC AT HAND.

IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WILL DO A COMMITMENT PLEDGE WITH THE CSA DRIVE IN APRIL OR MAY OF THIS YEAR.

WORSHIP- NO REPORT BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT A MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

PAV- JAN REPORTED THAT SHE WILL BE THE VICE CHAIR FOR 2 YEARS THEN WILL BE THE CHAIR OF THE VICARIATE FOR ONE YEAR. THE NEXT VICARIATE MEETING IS MARCH 2ND. JAN DID SEND AN EXCERPT FROM THEIR LAST MEETING THAT DEALT WITH THE TOPIC OF FUNDRAISING AND WHY PEOPLE'S GIVING TRENDS MAY HAVE CHANGED. JAN ALSO REMINDED US THAT TIMOTHY RADCLIFF WILL BE DOING A PRESENTATION ON MARCH 11TH AT SAINT PAUL'S ALBANIAN CHURCH AND ENCOURAGES US ALL TO ATTEND.

NEXT MEETING- WILL BE MARCH 23RD FOLLOWING TAIZE PRAYER AT 7:00pm. COMMISSIONS ARE ASKED TO REFLECT ON OBJECTIVES TO BEGIN PREPARING FOR BUDGET PLANNING.