



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
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Pastoral Council Meeting

March 7, 2022

Present: Fr. Joe, Kathy Burton (virtual), Bill Clinton, Ellen Cole, Larry Ghirardi, Lauren Girasoli, Robert Grissom, Dorothy Paine (virtual), Ron Paine (virtual), Michael Rafferty (virtual), Bill Thomas, Sharon Torrenti, Dick Torrenti, Jean Wilczynski (Finance Chair), Louise Young, Erica Zapatka

Others Present: John Smith, Jules Sciocchetti (representing the Soup Kitchen)

Opening Prayer

Old Business

1. Final invoice for Advent Mission costs
 - a. Cost to us: \$3,164.37
 - b. Do we want to start planning for something like this again in the future?
 - c. Has the liturgy committee discussed any other opportunities? It's still in the discussion phase and there's a possibility of something in the summer. If that's the case, it would be something we would begin planning for now. However, the feel at the meeting was to delay until there was a good event or season to link it to.
 - d. The Liturgical Committee may take this over.
 - e. Even if it wasn't a profit-generating event, it is still important for the church to host these types of events
2. Preliminary discussion of Google / Microsoft for going forward for nonprofits.
 - a. This would be for sharing documents and calendars.
 - b. There's a Google version that is "free" but comes with little storage space per user.
 - c. There's an administrative part of it to add users to the system. Should parish council members and the finance committee be included in having these accounts?
 - i. Could there be addresses like ron.paine@christthekingchurch.net
 - ii. Maybe just one for parish council and one for finance council
 - iii. Possible application called Bubble Up (sharing PDFs, can give certain users permission to update files)
3. Communications Update—Newsletters
 - a. Ellen resurrected it in the height of the pandemic. She emailed it at that point, but very few people opened it.
 - b. Bob Brinkerhoff of the Men's Club was interested in furthering our communications. They have decided to sponsor it to mail it to all the people on our mailing list as a hard copy for the first year, then gather information on the most cost-effective and communication-effective way for it to go out.
 - c. We could send it out twice a year
 - d. Maybe we could make use of "Everyday Mailing" from USPS as a flat.

New Business

4. Reception for Afghan family—postponed until spring
 - a. The Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is made up of the three churches. This is our fifth family. The first family was from Syria, the second from Puerto Rico, the third from the Congo, the fourth from Iraq, and this from Afghanistan.
 - b. The newest family is the youngest family. They have two children in elementary school, two in pre-school, and an infant.
 - c. The father is taking ESL classes every day and is not employed. The mother has someone tutoring her. Neither is literate in their native tongue.
 - d. We're going to wait until after Lent and have a reception outside in late April or early May.
 - e. The group is working to get them English skills and job skills.
 - f. They'll have swimming lessons in the summer.
 - g. The parish council will help support financially (coffee, etc.) and with staffing the reception.
 - h. The reception will be after the 10:30 mass.
 - i. On a side note, the Syrian family members are now American citizens. The two older ones are in college and Muhammad is a star at the high school.
5. Food Pantry proposal—Shoreline Meal Centers would like to use our kitchen to run a carry out breakfast service in conjunction with their grocery pickup.
 - a. We have historically supported a soup kitchen in Old Lyme (Saturday breakfast and Saturday food pantry) and in New London (Sunday dinner)
 - b. When COVID hit, the sit-down meals ended and the food pantry became carry out rather than going in. They didn't have enough room for the carry out breakfast and carry out food pantry due to parking, so they stopped the breakfast.
 - c. John called to ask if they would be reopening. Some of the soup kitchens had reopened by the Old Lyme one had not yet. They asked if we would do a carry-out breakfast here.
 - d. New London has reopened for sit-down meals.
 - e. There's a concern that we don't want to offend the congregational church by doing a carry out breakfast service here, so we are in touch with the congregational church.
 - f. There's some uncertainty about if the carry out breakfast will happen (based on what the Congregational Church decides), but we can still decide now if we are going to get behind it.
 - g. There would be different groups coming in to prepare a meal in the kitchen and then people would pick up meals curbside (not coming into the building). At least one person from CTK would have to be here to show the group where things are.
 - h. Someone present will have to be Serve Safe Certified
 - i. Any groups coming in have to provide insurance. We could adapt a document that Shoreline Soup Kitchen has used in the past.
 - j. Food would be available for pick up on Saturdays 9 - 10 a.m. We would have to suspend it on days that there are funerals or during Harvest Festival, etc.
 - k. The people preparing the food would likely be in at 8 a.m.
 - l. John wants to make sure we have the parish council's agreement.
 - m. Would we entertain dining in at Christ the King once the pandemic is over?
 - i. It's once every other month currently
 - ii. Would the church and council support it and be able to provide the manpower?



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- iii. The Soup Kitchen could be moving to meals that are cooked on site rather than people preparing meals and home and bringing cooked food in.
 1. This is being driven by concerns about contamination and lawsuits. The temperature of food, possible contamination in homes, etc.
 2. It could also be a control issue
 3. It may be a matter of time that we won't be allowed to bring in prepared meals
- n. We could get donations from some of the markets (food that they need to dispose)
- o. Maybe we can pivot from having people make meals to getting sponsorship and having certain stores / restaurants donate
- p. It's a HUGE undertaking but Jesus said to feed the poor.
- q. How can we get more people involved?
 - i. Bring in younger people
 - ii. Father Joe can make an announcement from the pulpit
- r. A small team can discuss the logistics for hosting meals
6. Planning for presentation of Financial Reports and Parish Appreciation reception
 - a. Present it on March 19, 20?
 - b. Put in one-page financial report in the bulletin
 - c. In following years, we can deliver the report sooner after it is prepared (Fiscal year ends June 30, and the report is usually ready September / October)
7. RCIA Candidates
 - a. Could we have a coffee hour for parishioners to meet RCIA candidates?
 - b. Historically we've seen them in mass
 - c. Could we put the candidate's name in the bulletin or in the Prayer of the Faithful
 - i. Since there's only one candidate right now, it may depend on her preferences and availability
8. Meetings for April and May
 - a. Monday April 4, 6:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
 - b. Monday May 2, 7:00 p.m.
9. Closing Prayer