



# CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

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## Pastoral Council Meeting

April 4, 2022

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

### Opening Prayer – Fr. Joe

#### Meditation

Joel 2:12 – Yet even now – return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment.

Ezekiel 36:26 - I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

#### Old Business

1. Saturday pick up meal service – use of CTK kitchen
  - a. We would need four or five people who are Ledge Light Serve Safe certified
  - b. Becoming Serve Safe certified is not too difficult, but we would need one or two people present who are certified
  - c. We are assuming that John Smith has a list of names of people who may be interested
  - d. The people preparing the food would be primarily from the Congregational Church or other groups. We would just need at least one person from CTK who is Serve Safe certified.
    - i. We should have an idea of all the people from CTK who might be interested.
    - ii. We will also need a few people from our church to make sure that everything is turned off, cleaned, etc.
2. CTK support for additional soup kitchen duty in New London
  - a. After the latest kitchen inspection here, the health inspector said that the main dishes for the soup kitchen shouldn't be prepared in individuals' homes. Individuals can bring the juices, fruits, etc.
  - b. We're already on the schedule to provide the meal on the second Sunday of every other month for the New London Soup Kitchen.
  - c. Other churches are already cooking there. What may be the struggle is to get people who are willing to go to New London and cook there.
  - d. Jules could speak to the parish at all the masses. Father Joe will call Jules and ask him about speaking.
  - e. It may be wise to start gathering volunteers earlier than one week prior as we've done in the past.
  - f. Our next date on the calendar is May 8, Mother's Day.
  - g. As for now, we won't change anything until we hear the clear-cut directions from Jules.
3. May 1 is the date for the reception for the refugee family
  - a. Is there a hospitality committee?
  - b. Some people signed up, but there's not a chair of the committee

- c. Mike will follow up with Cookie Staves to identify the people who signed up on the refugee welcome committee.
  - d. There's a language barrier.
  - e. We may want to verify if there are any food restrictions that bakers should be aware of.
4. Introduce RCIA candidate
- a. There's one high school student who was sick during regular confirmation
  - b. Although a formality the bishop still need to be spoken to for the other candidate Louise will take care of that.

### **New Business**

1. Peace Mass recap
  - a. 153 people came
  - b. Thank you to everyone who helped out
2. Plan for Ministry Fair follow-up – identify ministry leaders
  - a. Ron got the lists from the sign-ups
  - b. We don't have lists of people who were already involved in the ministry
  - c. We really need to follow up with these people and get a sense for where the ministry is.
  - d. For the next meeting, we can focus on some of the ministries that have the most importance for upcoming needs (ex. Hospitality, Soup Kitchen)
  - e. One of the challenges with Parish Soft is you have to have people register and put their own information into Parish Soft. Then you can group them. Getting them into the database is the problem.
  - f. Could we do a registration drive?
    - i. A QR code on the printed mass guide
    - ii. A drive with some volunteers to help people who don't want to do it themselves
    - iii. There hasn't been a census done in 15 years
3. Parish Appreciation after mass in May – follow on to ministry fair
  - a. Maybe we could look to schedule it later to include more summer people
  - b. What might be appropriate for even a mid-summer gathering?
    - i. Nothing more extravagant than cake and coffee
  - c. Could we combine it with a presentation of financial reports?
4. Coffee and... between masses second Sunday
  - a. Maybe various ministries could rotate
  - b. Each ministry has a different month
  - c. Would we want to do it when there's no CCD?
  - d. Well, then we're excluding CCD Families
  - e. Would the timing change as the months change? (A rotating schedule, once a month between the masses, after the 10:30 at certain parts of the year, with wine and cheese after the 5 p.m.etc. Then we'd get different groups of people)
    - i. We need someone willing to take it on
    - ii. Maybe we can cajole someone from the baker's list
5. Summer meeting schedule
  - a. Do we still want to meet every month?
  - b. It's not necessary based on the bylaws.
    - i. Last meeting before September will be June 6
  - c. Maybe the Parish Council Retreat can be off-site in the place of our summer meeting
    - i. Father Joe and Erica will form the retreat committee
  - d. Early September could be a possibility



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### **Next Meetings**

May 2, 7:00 p.m.

June 6, 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: We will begin doing an official approval of the minutes at the following month's meeting

Closing Prayer