

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING  
PASTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING

September 19, 2024

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Morris. Those present were Candy Costa, Christine Shephard, Matt Silva, Andy Taylor, Rita Selby, and Walter Richardson.

Father Morris advised the committee that Joe had recently painted the church sign. Some parishioners from 4p.m. Mass expressed concerns to Father Morris about the appearance of the sign. He noted that it still had painters tape on it at that time and it looks fine now. Father Morris reminded the committee that there is a Diocese moratorium on capital improvements for all churches for the immediate future. We may be able to have Joe include Mass times in some manner on the sign.

The topic of missalettes with music (the Breaking Bread series) was discussed. Kyla would like new music and Mia is in agreement with it. The cost would be \$2400 plus shipping.

Father Morris announced that he had purchased a new grill at a charity silent auction for \$150. Andy Taylor noted that having the grill will be helpful for cooking for the bazaar.

Father Morris advised the committee that some parishioners from St Peter and Paul and Our Lady of Good Counsel have been attending Mass at Christ the King and St Anthony. Also there are some baptisms coming up and a wedding for next year. Christine Shephard inquired if it would be helpful to put a notice in the bulletin welcoming new parishioners from the churches that are closing.

Father Morris noted that he was contacted by a Hendricken dad who is a police officer to see if the local SWAT team could use the rectory for training. Permission was granted for the ATF to use it once a year and the local police SWAT team periodically at no cost.

Father Morris also advised the committee that a notice will be going in the bulletin about the upcoming RCIA program. Also he reminded the committee that the RI Right to Life Committee is conducting the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. The money will be used for providing baby items for mothers in need.

Rita Selby reported that Grandma's Attic continues to do well. From June 22nd- September 14th 271 customers were served and there were receipts of \$1780.34.

Candy Costa reported that plans for the bazaar are going well and that donations have been coming in. Candy inquired about the May Breakfast. After looking at the calendar it was decided that the date of May 4<sup>th</sup> was best as May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and May 18<sup>th</sup> is First Communion.

Matt Silva advised the committee that Religious Education had begun and as of September 3<sup>rd</sup> 88 students were registered with 16% from Christ the King and 84% from St Anthony. The calendar for the school year is online and available to all. The children's choir will be rotating between Christ the King and St Anthony. There is a teacher for every grade level and the program is doing the best it can with the staff that it has. There will be a seven week program coming up entitled "The Search" which will be open to all members of both parishes. It will explore seven topics of faith.

Christine Shephard noted that recently a board fell across the door to the choir loft and held the door closed. It will be looked into to prevent it from happening again. Also Christine inquired about the Giving Tree for the upcoming Christmas season.

Rita Selby noted that the Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of November. After discussion it was decided that there would be a coffee an on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass. Christine volunteered to help.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.