

FINAL

CTK Parish Council Meeting – September 8th, 2009

Present:

Fr. Dale Korogi, Joe Dolan, Barb Kattner, Ruthanne LaQua, Ray Quinn, Rob Vischer, Chick Duffy, Janey Nelson

Opening Prayer in Church – Chick/Janie

Housekeeping:

Minutes approved from last meeting – no changes

Pastor's Report : Fr. Dale Korogi

A meeting is scheduled for September 9th, 2009 with all priests in the deanery to discuss a strategic plan to restructure/combine existing programs/parishes in this diverse deanery based on Archdiocesan Plans. He will know more in a couple of weeks.

Input from the parish leadership and parishioners is encouraged.

Growth is status quo at CTK and STA – membership is not declining.

Parishes where growth is declining or increasing may more likely be affected.

Met with Fr. Harry Testo regarding the melding of programs which will depend on the structures of those programs.

Fr. Dale is looking for feedback – wants to put the emphasis on ministry within the community at CTK vs. strictly focusing on programs. Rob commented on the importance of relationships vs. programs.

Fr. Dale asked that consideration be given to reviving a long-term strategic plan to help the parish move forward. He asked for volunteers to help identify an organization to help with this process as to how to help the parish move forward into the future with input from the administration, staff, parishioners and parish council. A strategic plan at CTK has not been implemented in recent years.

Concern was raised about being very clear about the objective of the survey – an organization who gives information vs. an organization who can help identify and assess what needs to happen to help the parish grow and thrive.

Ruthanne commented that the process of obtaining information needs to be guided and the project should be driven by the church leadership with the very clear objective of where the church wants to go into the future.

Rob agreed to help Fr. Dale search for an organizational development company.

Fr. Dale will discuss with the Finance Committee.

Barb would like to be involved in future meetings regarding the planning process and suggested a book by Sweetzer “How To Make A Good Parish Better”.

School year began with enrollment at 462 – 3 full kindergarten classes.

Faith Formation growing enrollment is at 97.

Confirmation begins September 9th, with 16 candidates.

Spring Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” – will be inviting kids and parents to be involved.

Sowers of Justice redid their priorities and passed out new pamphlets
Lots of weddings/baptisms/funerals

Joe asked about H1N1 – will take guidance from the church diocese – no message yet.

Listening Session Follow-Up: Barb

The question asked to Youth Ministry, Children's Programs and Faith Formation:

What benefits does your ministry have to the community?

If you have one wish for the future, what would it be?

What is the most pressing or urgent issue for your ministry?

Not yet heard from everyone – Fr. Korogi asked to see all comments – discussion as to how to best communicate the results will need further review.

Overall responses were primarily about space, time, budget and how to grow the programs.

Suggestion was made for a volunteer coordinator.

The suggestion was made to take the information from the survey and tie it into the proposed organizational survey to find out what people want and how to best give it to the parish without having to cut wanted programs.

Many responses were about the valuable children's programming at CTK and how important Arlene's work and energy is to the parish community.

Discussion: Traces of the Trade(slave trade): Barb

Barb attended a facilitated discussion at Lake Harriet Methodist Church regarding issues surrounding race. A film was viewed and discussion ensued regarding issues to be discussed amongst ourselves and within our faith communities. The Sowers group will be part of this training. A decision was made for the Parish Council to convene at 6:45 on October 13th, the next PPC meeting to watch the video and discuss. Barb will get the DVD player.

Action Assignments:

Fr. Korogi will talk with Rob prior to the next PPC meeting. Will put together pricing regarding the organizational survey.

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Closing Prayer: Chick/Janie

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