

**Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 17, 2009 – 7:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Fischer. Opening prayer was lead by Fr. Paul Wolf.

**Members Present:**

Fr. Paul Wolf, Mark Antony, Marty Brandl, Alyce Dierickx, Mark Fischer, Bob Hirmer, Becki Johnson, Jane Larson, Arlene Lesewski, Connie Mathiowetz, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan, Tom Williford.

**Recommended Actions:**

The minutes of June 15, 2009 were approved.

Alyce resigned as Secretary. Beth was approved as Secretary.

**Pastor's Report:**

The fair stand along with other buildings had been broken into. The stand has been fixed. The Campus Religious Center has some graffiti spray painted on the outside walls.

Building Maintenance: Painting has been done at the school and in the chapel and new carpet installed in the chapel altar area. The new playground is in place. A blessing will given on Sept 8 at 9:30 AM.

Capital Campaign: Figures will be released later this month. They look to contract with the architect to begin one phase. Parishioner giving has been very generous.

Staffing: Ryan Langr, Youth Minister, and Gustavo Jimenez, Hispanic Minister, have started work in the parish.

Carlin Hall: The parish is assuming more responsibility for Carlin Hall through use of a committee. All expenses and revenues are paid through the church. All activities using the hall will be charged a set fee to cover the cost. Meetings of Parish organizations will not be charged. All fundraisers will be charged since they use more resources. The committee will establish a liquor policy and additional policies needed. Liability for one day events are handled through the person renting the facility. Plans are in the works for holding a social between the 8 and 10 AM Sunday masses, possibly a fundraiser.

**New Business:**

New members Arlene Lesewski and Todd Reif were introduced. John Allen has resigned.

Recommendations for a new member should be directed to Fr. Paul.

Fair Food Stand: Profit this year will run somewhere between the last 2 years: \$12,000-\$19,000. The Wed. proceeds were low. There was positive feedback on the food and its operation. Connie and Mary C. attended a meeting on stricter regulations on food handling. Ideas to promote use of the stand were encouraged.

**Ongoing Business:**

125th Anniversary: Becki reported an article will be coming out in the Prairie Catholic. Displays will be set up in Carlin Hall to highlight the 125 years. The church building has a centennial in 5 years so emphasis may be placed on that event in the future. Zach Peterson' deaconate ordination is Saturday, Nov. 7, the day before the celebration. The diocese hosts that event.

Pictorial Directory: Picture taking is booked through early September. Transportation has been provided for some who have asked. Fr. Paul is working on pages for the front of the book and needs digital pictures of activities. Kirstie Meyer is helping also. Dr. Martin is working on historical pages to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> that will be included in the book.

Parish Festival: Raffle tickets are in the back of the church for pick up by parishioners. There are more prizes of money this year. Individuals from Finance Council will be helping with money handling that day. Silent auction items are advertised on the church web site. Sign up for workers will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Sept. A suggestion was made to have afternoon coffee and desert available and will be referred to concessions.

**Parish Communications:**

CCW: Arlene Lesewski reported changes in the meeting schedule – 4 meetings per year in Sept, Nov. March & June with mass, lunch, program and meeting. 15 members are involved in the Relay for Life

team and will be selling rolls in the food stand. Sept. 20 at 7 PM will be a speaker on Medjugorje in Carlin Hall. Alyce suggested connecting with mothers at the school as a group for involvement.

EAC: ECFL, Early Catholic Family Life, program will begin in October – 6 sessions for parents and young children.

Worship/Outreach: No report.

Finance: Neil reported the 6/30/08 Fiscal year end budget was down about \$67,000 in Sunday collections and special collections was down \$15,000. Some reserves were used for capital expenditures.

Hispanic Ministry: Gustavo is visiting the homes of Hispanic members. There will be a diocesan program for Hispanic leaders starting up. October 11 will be another food sale after masses for the Guadalupe feast expenses.

RCIA has about 15 people inquiring about the Catholic faith. Several high school students will be going through preparation for some of the sacraments.

Campus Religious Center: Fr. Jack and Leo Langer are working on bringing some forums to campus on different issues. There will be speakers and some debate.

Comments:

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a video class being offered for young people offered in the fall.

Other Adult formation classes will be offered beginning in Sept.: the Bible Timeline Study, Bible Study on Matthew, and a Small Faith Communities series. A weekly mass will follow faith formation classes Wed. nights at St. Mary's chapel. Ryan Langr, Youth Minister, will be involved in music on Wednesdays.

Everyone was encouraged to check out the Holy Redeemer website. Marty Brandl has helped with web design.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Roncalli Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ritter, Secretary