

**Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 15, 2010 – 7:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Marty Brandl. Opening prayer was lead by Fr. Paul.

**Members Present:**

Fr. Paul Wolf, Mark Antony, Marty Brandl, Alyce Dierickx, Yvonne Girard, Bob Hirmer, Becki Johnson, Kelly Jones, Sandy Redding, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan.

**Recommended Actions:**

The minutes of February 15, 2010 were approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

Fr. Paul gave an update on the Building Project. Church property is currently partially zoned residential and partially commercial. Zoning regulations affect set backs, parking, etc. They are working with the city on rezoning. City utility reconstruction is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. Phase I projects are being reviewed with possible start date in August.

**New Business:**

Lenten Season: RCIA candidates will be involved with the Triduum services. Volunteers for feet washing are needed. There will be a Spanish spoken service on Good Friday.

Strategic Plan Evaluation:

Outreach:

Catholic Charities has an office at the Campus Religious Center. Beth will report next month.

Referrals are being made to Western Community Action for social service needs.

Support Groups established: Grief Support, Visiting & Communion to the homebound

Wedding planner was researched and dropped-church guidelines were developed.

Lapsed Catholics and New Parishioners – review with Fr. Paul next month. A suggestion was made to support families with a new baby by providing a meal.

Education on other culture's religious celebrations is done through the bulletin.

Small group opportunities: Bible study opportunities were offered the last 2 years.

Harvest Fest has been implemented for 2 years.

Retreat opportunities are advertised in the bulletin and by pulpit announcement.

Administration/Stewardship:

Budget is used for annual financial goals.

Achieve annual budget –on target with projection except for a shortfall last month

Bequests and Diocesan Ministry Appeal are extra sources that help with the shortfall.

Planned Giving – Some action has been taken.

New Logo – Continue using what is in place.

All-parish calendar on web site – A liturgical calendar is on the website and the bulletin is used for upcoming events. The website averages 40 hits a day, higher at Ash Wed. etc.

Organization Chart – There have been changes since the last one was updated.

Common Meeting Days – EAC and Worship/Outreach are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 and 7:30 PM, Finance and Parish Council are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:00 and 7:30 PM.

Parish data system is updated by staff.

Volunteer Schedule – Liturgical ministries are done by monthly sign up. Team leaders call volunteers with a reminder. That will go on e mail soon. EAC will address the need for a volunteer to videotape mass.

Facilities:

Hiring an architect, establishing a plan, and developing fundraising needs are all completed.

**Ongoing Business:**

Pictorial Directory: There has been positive feedback, a few misspellings. There may be extras for sale.

**Parish Communications:**

CCW: Zach Peterson will speak at the March 29<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. A calling committee will be set up for future projects. They are looking for volunteers for Reverence for Life and Historian positions. The diocesan convention will be held in Olivia on April 24. Flowers will be for sale on Mother's Day with proceeds going to Birthrite.

EAC: The next Early Catholic Family Program will be held in the fall. Confirmation will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March in future years. 16 students and 3 adults will be making the mission trip to Montana this summer. HRS is bringing back the walkathon in April. Upcoming changes to the mass will be the subject of a small group study next year. EAC will review the strategic plan and add to goals.

Worship/Outreach: New cantors have volunteered. There is a need for more accompanists. Easter environment work has been scheduled. The March food drive is coming up this weekend. The Chrism mass is in Sleepy Eye March 18. Cassocks have been cleaned and repaired, courtesy of Carrow's Cleaners.

Finance: Windows will be replaced in the band room at the school. Elevator repair is done.

Hispanic Ministry: No Report

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2010, 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ritter, Secretary