

**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

April 8, 2008

Members Present:

Pastor - Msgr. Francis Malone

Associate Pastor – Father Frank DuPreez

Deacons – Bo McAllister, Dan Cashman, John Marschewski, Richard Patterson

Parish Council Members – Tony Pipkin, Jacques Pierini, Chuck Toomer, Terri Bartnicke, Stephen Selig, Alison Nicholas, David Shields, Mark Rogers

Parish Organization Representatives – Jordan Siebenmorgen, Sandee Haslauer, Ralph Broadwater, Lori & Tom Clements, Francis Beane, Suzanne Catlett, Roseann Sampson

Parish Staff – Bevie Davies, Kathy House, Jackie Kaufman , Sandy DeCoursey

1. Opening Prayer – Parish Council President Tony Pipkin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Msgr. Malone offered an opening prayer.
2. The minutes of the March 2008 Parish Council meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance Council: Meeting Apr 24, to go over next years budget.

b) Finance Officer: Jackie reported collections at budget, Next year's school budget was approved at March meeting. 5% increase in tuition.

c) Parish Life and Outreach: Recent events:

- Holy Thursday Family Potluck Dinner was held on 3/20 in the FLC. Attendance for the 7th Annual dinner was estimated at around 400+!
- Parish Life and Outreach presentation was made to the RCIA class at their last session on 4/2. Information was distributed with all of the parish organizations, committees and ministries along with contact information. New members were encouraged to become involved in the life of the parish. (Updated contact information sheets are available at the meeting).
- Coffee and Donut Fellowship was held 4/5-6 after the 8 and 10:30am Masses. Representatives from Rexfest and the CTK Nursery were in attendance and hosted information booths about their programs.
- Newcomer welcome was held at the 4/6 10:30am Mass followed by reception in the FLC. The format for welcoming new members is being reviewed. Anyone interested in being involved in this effort is encouraged to take part. Notice of meetings will be posted in the bulletin.

Upcoming events:

- MOMS Pantry and Dress for Success collection is next weekend 4/19-20.
- 2008-09 Charitable Funding is underway. Proposals have been received and the committee is meeting 4/9.
- An Usher Appreciation and Information meeting/dinner will be held on 4/10 in the Ministries Building-2nd floor at 5:30pm.

d) Music Director: no report

e) School Principal: Students will be taking the Stanford 9 Standardized tests next week (April 14-18)

- School Board and Representative of Parish Building Commission will be hearing presentations from the Security companies on April 9.
- The first CTK Battle of the Books will take place April 9. Children from 4th, 5th and 6th grades have formed teams and will compete for the chance to go to the state Battle of the Books at St. Joseph's School in Conway on May 9.
- We had an Assembly to meet Hector Mendoza on Monday. The school presented a check for \$3,000.00 that the children raised by jumpropping for Honduras.
- Many of our 8th grade students will be Confirmed on Sunday April 13 and our 2nd graders will make their First Communion on Sunday, April 20.
- We are planning to hire a Full time Spanish teacher for next year. This is a new position for our school.

f) School Board: no report

g) DRE: R.C.I.A.

- We welcomed 23 new Catholics at the Easter Vigil, including 7 people who were baptized. In addition, 2 were confirmed and one person returned to the church, after more than 40 years, with a Profession of Faith.
- R.C.I.A. concluded last Wednesday with the second "Mystagogia" session.

P.R.E.

- 107 children will receive First Holy Communion Sunday, April 20. This number includes 34 from PRE class.
- The last session for PRE is Sunday, April 27.

CONFIRMATION

- Afternoon of Reflection was held April 6. Teen speakers included Jordan Siebenmorgen, Dan Miskin, and Michael Wendel.
- Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for about 91 young people on Sunday, April 13, at 3 PM, with reception to follow.
- CTK Rosary Makers have again donated beautiful rosaries for each candidate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Set-up for VBS is scheduled for June 4-6.
- "The Jesus Expedition", (theme for VBS), will be June 9-13.
- Registration notices are in the bulletin.

ADULT FAITH

- First half of "Celebration of Christian Mystery: Sacraments" has concluded.
- Several small faith community groups were involved in Lenten projects.
- Second part of Book 2 will be studied in the fall.

h) CYM: Jordan with CYM had Liz TinQuist come speak to the youth group. During Holy Week we had a bible study night called Journey Through the Stations. The youth performed an excellent live Stations of The Cross on Good Friday. We also celebrated Mass together this past Sunday and had our very last gym night.

i) Youth Director: Our CYM Spring Break Trip to Orlando Florida was a wonderful success! The kids had a great time and I believe the chaperones did too. The day at Sea World seemed to be the favorite. Out of 40 teens on the trip, 25

were Freshmen, and they were really polite and well behaved. The remaining teens were primarily Juniors, and they set a great example for the younger kids. The Juniors planned and lead the prayer services we had each night in the hotel lobby, and did a wonderful job. And of course, it's always a relief to arrive home with everyone safe and sound!

Upcoming events for CYM include:

- 1) April 9, our Teen Talk speaker will be Marvelyn Stevens. She is a nurse from New Orleans who experienced first hand hurricane Katrina and the aftermath. She has a dramatic story to tell the youth about her experience, and her trust and faith in God despite any circumstance.
- 2) Wed., April 16, we will have a TABS night on environmental issues in association with Earth day, in order to help youth "recognize their call as Catholics to be stewards of God's creation in a consumer driven society."
- 3) On Saturday, April 19, we are going to have a special day of fun and fellowship for our 7th and 8th graders in the youth center. This day is called "Journey into Narnia" and it is being planned and led by our senior high CYM members. With the leadership of Mrs. Goodson, they have worked very hard to make this a great day for the junior high, and it's been a very good learning experience for our older kids to plan this day. They will watch parts of the movie "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe" and explore some of the themes of the movie that teach us how to live as Christian disciples. Our senior high kids have planned all the decorations, skits, games, crafts, and will even serve as small group leaders with the junior high.
- 4) Wed., April 23, we are having a "Senior Reflection Night". This is our graduates' night to take the microphone and pass on any words of wisdom to their fellow CYM'ers and to share stories and memories of their time spent at CYM.
- 5) Tues., April 29 we will have an 8th grade night where our senior high Youth Advisory Team will lead icebreakers, skits, and give the 8th grade a general idea about what we do in CYM.
- 6) Wed., April 30, we will have an open youth center night, which will wrap up our April calendar.

We are presently also very busy getting our teens registered for the State Youth Convention in May. We currently have 67 youth registered!

- j) Honduras Mission: Hector Mendoza was given \$3,000 from children of CTK, and the mission has reached its budget. All positions on the mission are filled.
- k) Rexfest: Please visit Rexfest.com, final preparations are coming together.
- l) FIRMA: March/April Concluded Events:
 - March FIRMA Forum, March 19th: Part II discussion of Pope Benedict's *Spe Salvi*
 - In 2008, Terra FIRMA will continue to serve as ushers and lectors at the 6 o'clock Mass on the Second Sunday
 - In 2008, Terra FIRMA will continue weekly adoration hour on Tuesdays at 7pm (Sarah Streitweiser, coordinator)
 - March Second Sunday @ 6, March 9
 - Fertile FIRMA – 4 expectant moms in TF, combined shower thrown on April 3rd. That means 20 women, 4 pregnant, stuck in a closet praying the rosary during the tornado!
 - Ignatian Prayer Groups:
 - Women concluded Why Catholic?
 - Men concluded studying the Catechism as a group

April Upcoming/Ongoing Events:

- Ignatian Prayer Groups: Return to standard format
- Next Second Sunday @ Six, Meet for Mass/Dinner at Jason's Deli, April 13th May need help with Ushers
- FIRMA Forum, Wednesday April 16th @ 7pm, monthly meeting with childcare

News:

***Terra FIRMA's blog can be found at www.firmaCTK.blogspot.com

***2008 Schedule updated online

m) Respect Life: no report

n) Mother's Day Out/Nursery: . Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Mass – 11 children

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Mass – 4 children

10:30 a.m. Mass – 22 children

12:15 p.m. Mass – 4 children

6:00 p.m. Mass – 7 children

Total Average for Weekend Masses: 48 children

Wednesday morning (RCIA) – 18 children

Wednesday evening (RCIA) – 2 children

(Terra Firma) – 11 children

Average use during Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) -10 children

128 families have registered in the nursery.

53 children from 49 families attend Mother's Day Out.

Mother's Day Out 2008-2009 School Year-- The three year old class is full, with a waiting list. We have openings in both the two year old and 18 month old classes.

The PNA Fashion Show is being held Friday, April 11, 2008, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

o) Primetimers: Michelle Hill from LRPD came and talked to about 70 seniors about home safety and keeping yourself safe in Little Rock.

Trip to Oaklawn was last week. 42 seniors went by bus and spent the day at the races. The Primetimers sponsored the 2nd race and had their picture taken at the winners circle.

This month's speaker after Senior mass is Steve Svetz from the attorney generals office. He will be addressing scams aimed at the elderly in AR, and identity theft.

Bingo for money sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be on April 25th with pizza for lunch.

Still having exercise twice a week with 25 to 30 people in attendance

Game days on Mondays,

Bridge marathon will be Sunday the 13th

Bunko on the 28th

p) Scouting: Girl Scouts

- Camporee was held this past weekend—a little muddy but a good time.
- We had a Mother Daughter Bowling event last month that was well attended.
- We will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday this month
- There are ten Girl Scout troops at Christ the King, and we plan activities for the older Girl Scouts to work with the younger scouts, so there are various troop activities together this month.

Cub Scouts

- For the pack meeting, we will be attending a Traveler's Game on April 18.

Boy Scouts

- Assisted with the Knight's of Columbus fish fry last month.
- The Council Camporee was last weekend. The theme was Wilderness Survival. Our Troop took 2nd place in the shelter construction event and 2nd place in the wilderness 1st Aid event.
- This month's troop meetings will focus on fishing to prepare for May's fishing campout.

Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, April 22, with a cookout at Maumelle Park. All scouts who have earned badges, awards or rank advancement will be recognized

q) Sacristan: 79 volunteers, 15 lectors, 18 Eucharistic Ministers, 46 ushers, and total servers 130. Total people to schedule now exceeds 500. No one person is scheduled more than once every 3 weeks. All junior servers are now senior servers. Must be a registered member of CTK to serve.

r) Vocations: Deacon Patterson gave the vocations report. We will have a tent at Rexfest for the visiting religious. 20 men are in seminary and 8 more are expected this fall.

s) Deacons: There were approximately 80 applications for the next deaconate training program received by the Diocese. About 40 will be accepted for the class.

t) Associate Pastor: no report

u) CTK Vision: no report

4. Old Business:

5. New Business: Jacque requested a public thanks be giving to the big donor.

Pastor's Report: Msgr. gave thanks for everyone's patience during construction. He complimented the children for their good behavior during all the construction. Msgr. thanked Dr. Forte for the wonderful music during the Easter celebration. He also thanked Bo and Vicki McAllister for their work during the RCIA program. And he thanked Francis for all his hard work on scheduling. And he asked everyone to pray for Lori and Tommy Clements for success with Rexfest.

Questions and Answers: none

6. Date of next meeting: May 6, 2008

7. Closing Prayer: Fr. Frank DuPreez gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Shields

Secretary