Christ King Parish
Common Meeting Night
Hospitality Committee
April 26, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Fran, Cheryl, Greg, Andy, Katy, and Fr. Dennis

1. Fellowship Sunday Guidelines Document
   Prior to the meeting, Fran had put together a "guidelines" document that contained instructions for running a Fellowship Sunday event. At the meeting the committee agreed to make a few minor tweaks, including more detailed instructions for making the coffee and adding the minimum number of volunteers that are needed of a guest group. After the meeting, Katy updated the document. Andy will send the document to other committees/groups with an invitation to volunteer for the next Fellowship Sunday on 5/21.

2. Maintenance vs. Mission
   The following are ideas and/or discussion put forth from the committee:

   a. Fr. Dennis felt that the excitement surrounding the parish ambassadors (PA) is beginning to wane a little bit. There has been a noticeable decline in the number of parish ambassadors that are showing up for their assigned masses on a given weekend. There was general agreement in the committee that we need to find some way to reenergize the ambassadors and place emphasis on the importance of their role.

   b. An idea was put forth to host parish ambassador training again as it has been over a year and a half since the last one. However, the last one had low attendance and the only ambassadors that did attend were those that already have experience as ambassadors.

   c. Another idea is to assign each ambassador specific responsibilities for their mass. For example, one person could be responsible for a specific entrance, or handing out orders of worship or bulletins, or greeting people as they walk in, etc. This could help the ambassadors realize that they have a role to fill and duties to complete when they show up. This would also help create accountability as there is an emphasis placed on the importance of fulfilling what you are asked to do (i.e. "If I don't show up then there is no one else to do my job"). It was also mentioned that other parish ambassadors should not be afraid to hold other PAs accountable when they do not show up. This would not be done in a cold or aggressive manner; rather, it is an attempt to underscore the vitality of the PAs and the importance of giving of their time and talent.

   d. Another idea would be to have some sort of fellowship outside of Sundays. Fellowship on Sundays is important as it is centered around the mass. It is also important to build community and evangelization outside of a church setting. This could be done on a weeknight or weekend and in various forms (e.g. movie night, trivia night, Jazz in the Park). This could also be a good way to get parishioners out into the community. The drawback to having fellowship that is not

centered around a "religious" theme is that the emphasis of evangelization may be lost and the event becomes purely a "social" outing.

e. The committee agreed that we could be doing more volunteering outside of our own organization. We could work with other committees or groups and donate our time to help with their causes. Fr. Dennis suggested doing something with the homebound.

f. An initiative the committee is seriously considering moving forward with is a kiosk or desk near the 91st Street entrance that would serve as a "one stop" for all parish information. Information that is currently at the Swan Blvd entrance, and in the racks at the 91st Street entrance, would be consolidated to the desk. The desk could have volunteers serving at it during Sunday fellowship events. During all other times, it could be a go-to for anyone that wants to know more information about the parish or what is going on at the parish. This could include:
     i. Information for joining the parish
     ii. Brief bios for current/new members
     iii. Television or monitor displaying parish news and events
     iv. Interactive computer or tablet for searching for parish information
     v. Serve (or dispense) coffee to promote a warm and welcoming atmosphere
Additional discussion is needed to flush out the details of the function for this area.