

Minutes
Christ Our Redeemer (COR) Parish Council (PC)
February 2, 2020

1. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob led the council in prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes from January 5th, 2020**
 - a. Richard Mountain made a motion to approve the revised edition of the Jan 5 emailed minutes.
 - b. Seconded by Mary Jane Sullivan and approved.
3. **Opening Remarks**
 - a. Fr. Bob opened by reviewing the upcoming events:
 - 2/2/20 Launch of the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA): Our 2020 CSA goal is \$90,024. Last year 59% of our parish family participated. CSA supports both our diocese and COR, if COR is “over-goal”. CSA aligns wonderfully with our 2020 goal to evangelize.
 - 2/26/20 Ash Wednesday: Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Father will be visiting the sick that day also.
 - 3/9/20 Lenten Reconciliation Service at 6:30 PM at COR. There will be six to seven priests in attendance.
 - 3/11/20 Bishop Bill will visit COR to provide us spiritual food. The Parish will provide parishioners a meal before Bishop Bill's Lenten Message. Father commented that today we marked 40 days from Christmas with the Lord's presentation in the temple. We see the 40 days for fasting, almsgiving and prayer again in our Lenten journey to Easter.
 - b. Tom Means, who substituted for Kathy Vanderburg as she cares for her mother in hospice, asked us to pray for Kathy and her mother.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Outreach Fellowship Report was given by Jim Thennes for Ministry head Sharon Hargreaves. Discussion about how to increase usage of this low usage ministry included Norely's suggestion to put a notice in the COR bulletin and create small, leave-behind cards on how to engage this service. Luz Bird asked that in preparation for the Ministry Fair we consider having speakers brief a synopsis of each ministry. Further discussion about this will be done at the next PC meeting.
 - b. Habitat for Humanity report (attached) was given by Jim Thennes. No assistance is needed from the PC.
 - c. Jim offered:
 - His thanks to the Knights of Columbus (KoC) and Conference of Catholic Women (CCW) for all of their support. See the attached schedule of events through April 2020 which includes:
 - On 2/15 COR parishioners will pray for preservation of the most helpless of all, unborn babies, outside the Pensacola Abortion Clinic which has reopened.
 - On 2/26 kicks off the 40 Cans for Lent program.
 - At the end of February the KoC Tootsie-Roll drive commences.
 - d. Karen Booth explained the genesis of the Kitchen Committee request which started as a discussion with Gretchen who requested coordination amongst the various ministries with a goal to be better stewards of the space and use of left-over food or supplies. There has not yet been any discussion with the ministry heads, only the introduction to the PC for confirmation to proceed in that direction. Richard asked if there would be an overall coordinator (Yes) or someone from each of the ministries (Yes). Karen volunteered to start the initiative and let a lead coordinator emerge from the effort.
 - e. Fr Bob discussed Security at the church. Pete Blaise has the topic under review. He is looking at all the buildings, even possibly including the rectory. Cameras have been suggested. It is possible that next year a grant will be written for this purpose. Door entry swipe cards are a

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possibility. No funds have yet been expended for any of these efforts. Discussions will be had with the Finance Council before any expenditures. Ken Rodriguez asked that consideration be given to a continuous enclosed passageway so our children are protected moving from one building to the next as the cost for such a design enhancement will be much less now. Tom added that the initial design was a concept only. He reminded us this is a three year project. Father said this should be brought up to Pete Blaise. He will bring it up to the Parish Leadership team. Ken will send Jim Thennes an email on this topic.

5. New Business:

- a. Mary Jane Sullivan said the Single, Divorced, Widowed report was given in December, i.e. there is no new report.
 - b. Luz Bird gave the Welcome Committee (WC) report. There are 13 members in the ministry. The WC is considering contacting new parishioners three to four months after their registration/welcoming. No PC help is needed.
 - c. The Donut Report, per Luz is in work.
 - d. Father Bob said Lenny Smales is in charge of a spaghetti dinner hosted by the KoC for Bishop Bill's visit. Desserts will be provided by the CCW. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM with Bishop Bill's message starting at 6:15 PM or 6:30 PM. Norely will draft an announcement for the bulletin.
 - e. The Lenten Soup Nights and Stations of the Cross report (attached) was given by Karen Booth.
 - f. Suzie Culkin gave the Finance Committee report. Financial condition is good. Offering funds are 5% over the budgeted amount. Although we currently have slightly more than \$40K net income, which will be deposited into savings, we have pending a \$24K air conditioner replacement expense coming due soon. Additionally, our P&L insurance is expected to as much as double to \$84K, payable in two payments.
 - Engage, Re-Engage, and Commit to Our Future: Suzie said we have \$1,066,542 pledged to date by 146 of the 480 parish families. We have 344 families yet to make a commitment.
 - No audits are scheduled.
 - In the next four to six weeks the Finance Committee will make a report to the parish. A suggestion was made to also put a short status in the bulletin.
 - Suzie said that Pat Kramer and Don Wilke will be joining the committee replacing two existing members who will cycle-off.
 - g. 2/28 is the deadline for submitting a parish grant. Totus Tuus and Good Shepard are possible topics if we choose to submit a grant.
 - h. There was discussion about St John's (Panama City) parish request for 200 Easter Baskets. Sharon Dooley who started the ministry more than 15 years ago will be invited to the next PC meeting.
6. **Closing Thought** - submitted by Kathy on the agenda: "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken", Oscar Wilde, Irish poet and playwright.
7. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Bob led us in prayer. The meeting closed at 12:45 PM.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting March 1, 2020