

# Corpus Christi Parish Council General Session Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

The Parish Council of Corpus Christi Catholic Community was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 19800 Pembroke Avenue, Detroit, MI 48219 in the Rainbow Room.

## **Present:**

Father Don Archambault  
Carol Lawrence, Hospitality  
Tim Smith  
Holly Patterson, Vice President  
Christeena Livingston-Long, President  
Brenda Martin  
Denise Bryson

Father Patrick Gonyeau  
Elaine O'Neill, Faith Formation  
Alexis Alexander, Secretary  
Kirk Schwanik, Worship Commission  
Art Glinz, Stewardship  
Paul Moore, Evangelization

## **Excused/Absent:**

Elyse Ryder  
Homer McClarty, Finance Council  
Marilyn Lewandowski  
Vickie Figueroa, APC  
Norman Dotson

Kim Procter  
Jessica Lopez  
Stana Peter-Koyi  
Richard Kohler

**The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Christeena L.**

**Opened with prayer, led by Elaine, Christeena, and Denise**

## **Business**

**Agenda:** Approved by all and adopted.

**Meeting Minutes:** Father Don motioned, and Elaine seconded to approve the October meeting minutes as prepared by Kim Procter.

## **Standing Reports:**

- **Trinity Vicariate (Paul M.):**
  - All Saints Day Mass was held at Gesu. in revenue.
    - Good turnout with great food
- **Associate Pastoral Council :**
  - No formal report.
- **Finance Council (Father Don):**
  - Financial status report out : **GREEN**
    - Although last week was low, the prior was high which created a balance
  - The new boiler is in and functioning
    - As Don Zokowski and Greg Spight are following up

- Backyard drainage
  - Basement of the church and convent are collecting moisture and mold
  - The Archdiocese of Detroit is likely to cover the cost of the work needed in the convent, and may cover the church, too
- Drain outside of church
  - 15 years ago installation of cement caused an issue
  - A \$6500 investment has been complete which will prevent the ponding of ice there in the winter
- Sound system in Rainbow Room
  - Joe Long and a friend have scoped out the cost for speakers part of a connected projection system
- Security cameras
  - Regarding the camera on the school, Greg Spight is asking St. Paul to determine how footage is reviewed and recorded
- New Hope has a 3-year \$360,000 operational grant
  - This has supported the fixes to the school building and activities center
- Corpus Christi Activities Center
  - Corpus Christi typically uses the activities center on the weekends.
  - The space gets less use during the week, so it could serve a dual purpose
  - Limited space, but looking into next steps
  - Potential to expand the nursery, add another men's restroom
  - Planning but nothing is definite

**Faith Formation (Father Patrick):**

- Reviewed pages 15-17 “Good and Bad Habits” in the Unleash the Gospel handbook distributed to council members in October followed with a focused discussion on what stood out

**New and Old Business**

**Follow Up on 6 Day Challenge Unleash the Gospel videos (Father Patrick + Father Don)**

- Parish staff will be meeting soon to identify ways to continue this message as the Christmas season is approaching
- A thank you message will be coming soon targeted to all Parishioners who registered to watch the video challenge from Father Don and Father Patrick.
- Next, an invitation will be extended for December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
  - Mass at 11:30a
  - Lunch at 12:30p
  - Unleash the Gospel retreat until 3pm
- Possibility of making Unleash the Gospel the focus of Emmaus faith sharing groups as well

**Parish Council Roles (Christeena L.)**

- Christina Livingston-Long was officially elected Parish Council President
- Holly Patterson was elected Vice President
- Alexis Alexander was asked to continue to serve as Secretary
- Next, an invitation will be extended for December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
- Carol Lawrence offered to serve as Hospitality lead.

- Brenda Martin offered to go with Paul Moore to the next Trinity Vicariate meeting to determine if this is a role she can commit to
  - Brenda recommended that a written description of each role be drafted to make recruitment easier in the future
- Connie Gant stepped down from the council
  - Christeena L. asked Brenda M. to step into this opening
- Mahalia A Williams also stepped down from the council

#### **Follow Up on Church Bulletin Concerns (Christeena L.)**

- Written statement read aloud from Miriam Hudson.

#### **Meetings and activities of the Parish (Father Don)**

- Handout provided listing all activities with the following additions written in
  - Women's Society
  - Knights of Peter Claver
  - Ladies of Peter Claver
- Shared to make sure Council members are aware of the various ways they can get involved and visit

#### **Roundtable**

Elaine O.

- *Faith Formation* Generations of Faith went well
  - 125 participants (80 = adults) all provided good comments and feedback
  - The team is working to reduce crowding in the nursery to improve the space and increase utilization
- Next, focus will be on Journey with Jesus, 11/24
  - Volunteer help needed both before and after
- 3D is finished
  - Ended on a high note with ice cream
  - Paul McKenzie noted "how wonderful it is to sit in a comfortable room and talk about the Lord with people you like".
- Confirmation youth are still deciding on a special activity

Art G.

- *Stewardship* Committee has been asked to review the language in the weekly bulletin for the collection report
  - Concern arose around the "under budget" stamp appearing alongside \$0 report for the shortfall for the budget year
  - Meeting will be held to soon to discuss a new approach
  - Elaine O inquired about the outcome of the stewardship time, talent, treasure forms collected this fall
  - Reminder to all commissions and Parish activities – if the church is being used to fundraise, the dollar amount must be reported to the Stewardship Committee

Carol L.

- *Hospitality* on 12/2 Santa Breakfast proceeds will benefit youth participating in the workcamp.

- Sign up for the Parish Christmas party will take place week of 12/15.
  - There will be vendors selling crafts at this time.
  - Baskets will be raffled off

Paul M.

- *Evangelization* – Focus area of summer 2018 outreach efforts were the ¼ mile from Pembroke to 8 Mile, Burt Rd to Lahser
  - Many interested persons were engaged
  - Revisits are planned to stop with the time change.
  - Not sure when they restart in 2019, but the focus area will be the ¼ mile from Pembroke to 7 Mile, Burt Rd to Lahser.
    - There are lots of occupied homes in this area according to Paul’s survey.
  - Plan to leave out earlier in the day to spend more time engaging those visited.
  - New idea proposed – share the experiences of evangelization sub-committee as part of Unless the Gospel efforts
    - accessory prayer group
  - Sending out Christmas Cards to those visited with the help of Miriam’s and evening office staff
  - Mall ministry – would like to explore how this could work when there aren’t any malls within our Parish boundaries
    - Would also need to secure the permission of store owners to engage with patrons

Kirk S.

- *Worship Commission* All is going well.
- Role of ushers needs a clear description.
- There is an interest in getting liturgical dancers involved at certain points of the year

Father Don

- *Christian Service Commission* –Held its first meeting.
- Next will take place in January, when Curtis will report out on impact

Father Patrick

- Will provide a special gift for Christmas visitors
  - Father Don recommended that the Worship Committee review this efforts

Coverage of Food and Prayer for 2018-2019 Parish Council Meetings

Date	Pair
January 17, 2019	Jessica Lopez & Vickie Figueroa

**Corrections to contact sheet:**

Remove Connie Gant and Mahalia Williams

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Closing Prayer** - All in song “ I Have Loved You”

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm**