

Corpus Christi Parish Council General Session Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

The Parish Council of Corpus Christi Catholic Community was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 19800 Pembroke Avenue, Detroit, MI 48219 in the Rainbow Room.

Present:

Father Don Archambault
Carol Lawrence, Hospitality
Kim Procter
Holly Patterson, Vice President
Homer McClarty, Finance Council
Brenda Martin
Denise Bryson

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

Excused/Absent:

Elyse Ryder
Marilyn Lewandowski
Vickie Figueroa, APC
Norman Dotson
Paul Moore, Evangelization

Christeena Livingston-Long, President

Stana Peter-Koyi
Richard Kohler
Tim Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Holly P.

Opened with distribution of badges to new council members, followed by **prayer, led by Father Don**

Business

Holly requested 2 members to offer to cover council meals and prayer for meetings in March and April 2019.

- Denise Bryson and Father Don will cover 3/21/19 meeting
- Father Patrick and Brenda Martin will cover 4/11/19 meeting

A request was also made for 2 members to attend Trinity Vicariate meetings

- Paul Moore and Brenda Martin will cover this request

Formation (Father Don & Father Patrick): Review of the Pastoral Transition Plan

- Want to ensure that the Parish sees the impact and value of their \$50,000 investment for dual Pastors.
- Developed a Transition committee that consists of Sheila, Homer, Steve, and Obia I. which has been meeting monthly since September 2018
 - Suggested setting up a transition box for parishioners to drop in suggestions
 - Planning a town hall meeting to get feedback from the Parish on how the transition is going so far
 - February 23rd @ 5:30pm

- Food + Free Childcare will be provided
 - Afterward, will share findings with the congregation
 - On 5/13/19 from 10a-3pm, an expert will lead a visioning session
- Father Patrick and Father Don have been meeting 3-4 times a week and engaging Parish staff along this journey
- Starting to work on the parish budget early
- Reviewing our 5 Year Goals (that were set 7 years ago)
 - Plan to look at our vision for the next 5 years prior to June 2019, when Father Don will transition out.
 - Reviewed handout titled “Vision, Mission and Five-Year Goals for Corpus Christi June 15, 2011”
 - An update is needed to our vision statement which should include themes highlighted by the Unleash the Gospel content
 - Plan to share draft with all commissions and ask them to provide feedback
 - Following 5/13/19 visioning session, a subcommittee will finalize the language
 - Commissions will then be asked to focus parish work on our jointly-formed vision
- Feedback from the council:
 - Elaine would like parts of this process to be reviewed annually.
 - Brenda wants to see how this process will work while the Trinity Vicariate is also revamping their mission
 - All receptive to the suggestion of a transition box at the back of church as well as the setup of the Town Hall meeting

Agenda: Homer M. motioned and Kim P. approved the meeting minutes.

Meeting Minutes: Kirk S. motioned, and Faith Patrick seconded to approve the October meeting minutes as prepared by Kim Procter.

Standing Reports:

- **Trinity Vicariate (Brenda M.):**
 - Brenda read aloud Paul Moore’s report from the Trinity Vicariate
 - Clarified that the \$2,000 donation to the Vicariate is a portion of the \$20,000 available for programming.
 - The vicariate asks for ideas and suggestions for the use of these funds (retreats for parishioners, etc.).
 - Plan to share our formation discussion on where our parish is now and determine if our parish vision works for the information being requested by the vicariate.
 - Feedback: we may wish to simplify the language in our vision to make it easier for the majority to understand.
- **Associate Pastoral Council :**
 - No formal report.
- **Finance Council (Homer M.):**
 - Met January 16th and reviewed the same vision documents shared during the formation session for this council
 - Financial status report out : **GREEN**
 - Above what we expected in terms of revenue from our offerings.

- Propose directing the parish to review the bi-annual financial statement for more details instead of changing the information reported in weekly bulletin on collections
- A new boiler has been installed in the school as part of a necessary \$50,000 investment to keep our rental tenant and children comfortable.
- Getting quotes on the installation of a projection unit for the church
 - Feedback from council: How would this investment benefit the community? What are the potential challenges?
 - A \$6500 investment has been complete which will prevent the ponding of ice there in the winter
- Sound system in Rainbow Room
 - Looking at specifications and costs
- Security cameras
 - Reviewed reach of those installed in the school and determining if content is monitored.
 - information will assist the parish in determining if we want to look to make this investment throughout the parish.
- New Hope CDC has asked if there's any office space available within the Parish
 - None available to accommodate them currently.
- The Archdiocese of Detroit's parish empowerment fund is made available only to parishes with fewer than \$25,000 in savings.
 - Corpus Christi typically would not qualify
- Rooms for nursery
 - Tore down a wall in the convent to make more room in the Activities Center.
- Leaks
 - Both the baptismal font and church roof have minor leaks on the lower level (in addition to the problems corrected in 2018).
- Want to get started on the 2019-2020 budget due to Archdiocese May deadline
 - Would need to present to the Parish Council this month, so the plan is to turn this in on 5/30.

Old Business (Holly P)

- Nametags distributed to new members
- October meeting minutes have been posted on the website. Leaks
 - Note to be placed in future bulletin to let parish know where these can be reviewed
- Rainbow Room update – items will be ordered soon
- Unleash the Gospel retreat feedback
 - 40 people attended
 - Elaine was impressed by the young people's response during prayer and mass. She also enjoyed the reading reflections and lunch – there was a good message!
 - Kirk appreciated the community engagement by reading from the pews, but wished to have had more time to socialize with Father Patrick and the Young Catholic professionals in attendance
 - Father Patrick noted that this session was designed to follow the 6 initial videos to keep the text messaging going.

Roundtable

Art G.

- *Stewardship* The called and gifted discernment of Christian gifts in life day-long training is coming soon.
 - Aims to help engage new parishioners and get them involved in the church
 - Father Patrick noted that training content is sourced from the St. Catherine of Siena Institute, which encourage participants to discern charism and give divine fruit
 - New idea proposed – share the experiences of evangelization sub-committee as part of Unless the Gospel efforts
 - May change the way we do parish registration to harvest gifts in service to the parish + deploy charism within our own community if the process is incorporated throughout the year
 - Could also help to engage existing members to get them more involved, which could be supplemented with a rotation on commissions highlights in weekly bulletins.
 - Reminder- all commissions must report out money earned with expenses for fundraisers.
 - As a commission, still talking through the best way to reflect weekly budget goal for offerings as last a decision was made to keep the goal the same
 - Commission continues to explore fundraiser ideas, such as 7 fish fries in Lent

Carol L.

- *Hospitality* the 12/2 Santa Breakfast raised \$1,237 in net profits.
- The annual Volunteer Thank You dinner will take place 2/17 @ Corsi's in Livonia at 1p,
- The Spring Fling date is still TBD
 - Event for teens in place of the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser

Elaine O.

- *Faith Formation* Distributed trinket for Generations of Faith as part of an advertisement from Sister Therese.
- The commission met on January 7th and reviewed *Rediscover Jesus* the book gifted to the parish during Christmas
 - Identified 3 ways to encourage people with its content
 - Mariam Hudson will incorporate a write up in the bulletin focused on these themes
 - Emmaus Faith sharing groups will also have themes sourced from *Rediscover Jesus* which will be paired with video content from a separate program.
- On 2/23 Journey with Jesus will advertise to get kids to sign up
- There are 4 RCIA candidates
- There is currently a discussion underway to assess Catechesis of the Good Shepard and how to solicit parishioners for interviews to determine if the programming should be continued going forward
- There will be a guest speaker at Evangelization as part of a "Welcome Home Catholics" program.
 - Content was well received and if implemented will likely pair with Faith Formation (prayers are needed)

Holly P.

- Will be out for hip replacement March 2019

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

| Date | Pair |
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| February 21, 2019 | Alexis Alexander & Tim Smith |

Next meeting: Thursday, February 21st. Meeting Adjourned after closing prayer led by Holly at 8:37pm.