

Corpus Christi Parish Council General Session Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019

The Parish Council of Corpus Christi Catholic Community was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 19800 Pembroke Avenue, Detroit, MI 48219 in the Rainbow Room.

Present:

Father Don Archambault
Carol Lawrence, Hospitality
Kim Procter
Paul Moore, Evangelization
Homer McClarty, Finance Council
Brenda Martin
Christeena Livingston-Long, President

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

Excused/Absent:

Elyse Ryder
Marilyn Lewandowski
Vickie Figueroa, APC
Norman Dotson

Stana Peter-Koyi
Richard Kohler
Denise Bryson
Holly Patterson, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Christeena L.

Opened with prayer, led by Alexis

Faith Formation (Father Patrick)

Reviewed excerpt from Christ the King's Fr. Victor Clore Lenten Reflections which incorporate elements of Unleash the Gospel

Business

Agenda: Motioned by Kim Procter, Seconded by Homer M.

Meeting Minutes: With correction to attendance to reflect Jessica Lopez as present, motioned by Fr. Patrick, seconded by Fr. Don

Standing Reports:

Trinity Vicariate (Paul M): Meeting has changed to be week of February 25th. Forthcoming report to be delivered in March.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (Vickie F.): No report. Father Don noted these updates will come in the Vicariate meeting reports.

Parish Finance Council (Homer M.): Budget status = **GREEN**

- Offering levels have been maintained and we are currently \$14,000 ahead
- Endowment balance has gone down a little due to fluctuations in the stock market

- No update on church projector, or school building camera coverage/ recording.
 - Members of Finance Council have been assigned to follow up on these items and will report back to the committee.
- February 23rd, a Transitional Town Hall will be held
 - Will discuss the potential to have a business manager onboarded for the parish and evaluating if this step makes sense to provide administrative support to Father Patrick as Father Don transitions at the end of June.
 - A review of a job description and budget are being conducted
 - A meeting will take place 3/1 to talk about how this position could be budgeted for and worked out.
- Retirement celebration for Father Don is being planned
 - Was not set aside as budget item, so work is being done to find funds as expenses occur prior to 6/30/19.
 - Steering committee is identifying volunteers, projects, and committees to shoulder the work associated with celebration
 - Goal is to include the neighborhood and community touched by Father Don over the years.
 - Celebration will start with an 11am mass and close with an outdoor celebration at 6pm.
 - All logistics are being worked out to make this celebration a success.
- Archdiocese of Detroit will be out on Friday 2/22 for a safety and security visit.
 - A 15-page document is associated with this visit and the Parish response to emergency situations.
 - This plan should be implemented by the Parish no later than September 1, 2019.
- Meeting was held 2/20 to review 3 bids between \$8,000 - \$10,000 for a sound-system for the Rainbow Room
 - Suggested to go with 16 speakers across 3 rooms that allows for volume adjustment at multiple points.
 - Timeline: at least 1 month for project, aiming for completion by June 1, 2019.
- Many kitchen items have been purchased, inventoried, and stored for the Rainbow Room.
 - A few items have not yet been ordered, pending assessment of what we have already.

Old Business

Joyful Missionary – Unleashing of Our Gifts (Christeena L.) Passed around a flyer shared during masses on the weekend of February 16/17. Continuation of Unleash the Gospel tie in – unleashing your gifts. Event scheduled for March 7th at Sacred Heart.

Completion of ID badge distribution + their purpose (Christeena L.) All members should have their badges now. Each council member is encouraged to wear their badge during mass, so the community knows who the members of the council are – and that we are here for everyone.

Minutes On Website (Christeena L.) Miriam plans to include a note in weekly parish bulletins alerting the community that notes from Parish Council meetings can be found under “council minutes” here: <https://corpuschristi-detroit.org/councils> approximately 1 week after meeting minutes have been approved.

Councils and commissions are encouraged to send an email to Cathy and Miriam (corpuschristimiriam@comcast.net) with updated content that can be posted to our website. Cathy Long (clong123@gmail.com) helps to maintain our parish website <https://corpuschristi-detroit.org/> .

New Business

Development in O’Hair Park (Fr. Don) The Mustard Seed Program is interested in making a \$5 million investment in the O’Hair Park Community over the next year by renovating and selling 40 homes. There is a 60% chance that this project will move forward. The organization is willing to hire any community member who is willing and able to do the work of renovation – regardless of their background – in the hopes of instilling in them the skills to learn and grow.

The City of Detroit has moved forward with a master plan for O’Hair Park’s recreation space. In the near term, there are plans to install a double basketball court, walking trail, and soccer fields – making the park one of 6 centers for soccer in the city. These improvements should be completed in the 2019 calendar year. Within the next 3 years, a restroom, picnic shelters, and a parking lot will also be installed.

Demolition of the former Pitcher Elementary school will move forward Summer 2019. Plans for the site of the former Arnold Nursing Home have emerged, suggesting that the state of Michigan will be building a health-oriented structure on the 13-acre site.

Assessment of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Christeena L.) 80 interviews have been conducted with a cross section of Parish members to get their views on the impact of this segment of Faith Formation programming. Information from these interviews is being compiled by the Faith Formation team to formulate a plan of action and recommend next steps for this program. The commission would like to present their findings at the April Parish Council meeting to discuss and digest. In May, the commission hopes to get the final information needed on whether their recommendation has been accepted, prior to Father Don’s transition. *Tim S. motioned to accept this request, and Paul M seconded.*

Get Well Card from Council to Vickie F. circulated and signed by all in attendance.

Roundtable

Evangelization (Paul M.) Last meeting was cancelled due to the Spirit Awards presentation for Sheila Finch. No report.

Hospitality (Carol L.) The Volunteer Appreciation party had a nice turn out on Sunday 2/17. 114 people attended despite conflicts with the Teen Retreat and other events. *Feedback* –1. It’s tough for those with kids to make it at the venue selected. When this party took place in the gym in years past, kids and families were welcomed to attend together. 2. We need to encourage attendees to bring their +1/ guest. 3. There was a nice mix of people observed in attendance, representing our community and having a good time.

Faith Formation (Elaine O.) Saturday 2/23 Journey with Jesus will take place, but during a shorter time frame due to limited volunteer support. Father Tom Lumpkin will be the guest speaker for 3/3 Generations of Faith.

Sign-ups have begun for Emmaus Faith sharing groups, with forms having been place at the back of church. The plan is to dovetail a chapter from *Rediscovering Jesus* with this year’s books. Helps is needed facilitating group sharing.

Next Meeting	Food + Prayer Provided By
March 21, 2019	Denise Bryson & Father Don

Meeting Adjourned after closing prayer led by Tim at 8:40 pm.