

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

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

Present:

Father Don Archambault
Carol Lawrence, Hospitality
Brenda Martin
Paul Moore, Evangelization
Homer McClarty, Finance Council

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

Excused/Absent:

Elyse Ryder
Marilyn Lewandowski
Vickie Figueroa, APC
Norman Dotson
Kim Procter
Jessica Lopez

Stana Peter-Koyi
Richard Kohler
Denise Bryson
Holly Patterson, Vice President
Christeena Livingston-Long, President
Tim Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Father Don

Opened with prayer, led by Father Patrick *The Wrap Lectio Divina Model*

Faith Formation (Father Patrick and Father Don)

Reviewed Corpus Christi Vision Packet parish letter, 2011 Vision, Mission, and 5-year goals, selected excerpts from "Unleash the Gospel", Vision Questions and Considerations.

Business

Agenda: Motioned by Paul M., Seconded by Homer M.

Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Homer M., Seconded by Elaine O.

Standing Reports:

Trinity Vicariate (Father Don): Working on vision and mission statement. Paul M. and Brenda M. to attend meeting week of March 25th.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: No report.

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

- Long, productive meeting was held March 20th
- Details on security camera recordings and parking lot coverage are being investigated by Greg.
- Will move forward with securing a sound system for the Rainbow Room that will be setup to come down from the ceiling.

- Joe Long has helped to review the costs and needs after preparing 3 bids .
- Will go forward with the middle bid which costs \$9,000 and connects to all audiovisual equipment.
- There are 3-4 outstanding questions that the finance council is reviewing related to the system's appearance and the possibility for microphones
- One person came out to evaluate the church and provide ideas for setting up a projection system.
 - This project is still down the road and will be reviewed in Fall 2019 to determine feasibility to invest.
- Parish budget is due mid-May to the Archdiocese
 - It has been decided that there is a need to fund and fill a position for Director of Operations
 - Father Patrick is drafting the job description which will be posted to the Archdiocese of Detroit website around April 1st
 - A committee of 5-6 people will conduct interviews.
 - Seeking best candidate possible to provide critical administrative support for Father Patrick through efficient general management of operations including building, plant, and property maintenance with a strong financial background and solid human resource understanding in line with the Archdiocese of Detroit guidelines.
 - Will be responsible for identifying ways that the Parish could do things better through process improvements, so should be an experienced professional adept at running an \$800,000 operation.
 - Role will afford Father Patrick the ability to focus on his strong suits in evangelization, catechesis, ministry, preaching and teaching while delegating managerial duties to the Director of Operations who will serve as a liaison to the Finance and Parish Councils.
 - As a result, 2019-2020 budget will look somewhat like the 2018-2019 budget with this administrative position being in the \$XXXXX-\$XXXXX range.
 - Goal is to have this position on board and ready to start July 1, 2019.
 - **Parish Council vote:** Carol L. motioned, Paul M. supported
 - The budget is likely to be ready around the 4th week of April for Parish council approval
 - At week 38 in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, we are \$17,539 ahead in Sunday offertory
 - As a result, the finance council recommends increasing our weekly budget goal to \$8,200 per week, netting an additional \$15,000 by year end.
 - **Parish Council vote:** Paul M motioned, Elaine O. supported

Old Business

Town Hall Transition Meeting (Father Don and Father Patrick) Scheduled for May 18th and will focus on sharing the unfolding of our parish vision for Fall 2019. The process is developing with a goal of allowing time to marinate on unleashing the gospel.

New Business

Church organ is not functioning Will check with Michelle to make sure service is scheduled.

Card for Holly circulated and signed by Parish Council members in attendance.

Roundtable

Hospitality (Carol L.) Preparing for the Holy Thursday meal. Will take a similar approach to last year, but with more lamb.

Worship Commission (Kirk S.) Different people are coming forward to participate in roles such as ministers of service. Pray in August for the call to serve. Planning for Easter – theme Unleash Easter joy.

Evangelization (Paul M.) Had a great guest speaker – Genevieve – from St. Augustine St. Monica Parish - who shared their neighborhood’s approach to ministry. They include stops at local party stores and start each conversation by sharing the word with those they encounter. During their second visit, they use holy cards that feature a picture, a prayer, and a scripture that are left with those engaged. The Corpus Christi evangelization committee may consider incorporating some of these ideas as our approach to door to door ministry is revamped. Each team may be equipped with a Bible to be able to easily share passages that are meaningful to people of different denominations.

Faith Formation (Elaine O.) Sister Therese, Elaine, and Father Patrick attended the Archdiocese of Detroit curriculum meeting. There were many similarities to the Corpus Christi approach in the design of journey with Jesus and Catechesis of the Good Sheppard. It emphasized that families need to embrace their role as the domestic church and facilitate a personal encounter with Christ. The goal is to encounter, grow, and witness at all ages. A parent session was also offered focused on how to carry out this role.

Teacher input day highlights – have catechists speak about Jesus in the present tense. Encourage teens to encounter Christ and write letters to God at least once a year.

Handout – March 31st Generations of Faith with Joni Scott

Next Meeting	Food + Prayer Provided By
April 11, 2019	Denise Bryson & Father Don

Meeting Adjourned after closing prayer led by Father Don at 8:47 pm.