

Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council

November 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Fr. Patrick, C. Livingston-Long, H. McClarty, E. O'Neill, A. Glinz, C. Lawrence, P. Moore, V. Berry, K. Porter, T. Anderson, J. Lopez, J. Black, H. Patterson.

Members Absent: B. Martin

Opening Prayer: Carol Lawrence

Zoom Meeting was called to open at 7:04 by C.Livingston-Long

Approval of Agenda: Motioned: Paul, Seconded: Holly, Approved: ALL

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Motioned: Troy, Seconded: Elaine,
Approved: ALL

Standing Reports

Trinity Vicariate: Paul Moore—Families of Parishes. The final letter was sent to the AOD. We are in the St. Peter Family of Parishes along with Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Scholastica, St. Mary of Redford, St. Juan Diego, and Presentation/Our Lady of Victory.

Fr. Stephen Paulus proposed new guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. Age of the candidate
2. How the celebration of confirmation will be determined:
--Formation by REA, and RCIA

Finance Council: Homer McClarty

The Finance Committee met on 11-17-2020. Budget shortfall is -27K from offertory collections (clearly in the **yellow**, not in the **red**). Money was also spent on new ventilation and technology.

CSA –all donation collections were online. To date \$23K in pledges has been received. This is -\$22K short of our assessment of \$45K which the parish will have to make up from its own funds. One possibility is to use money from the endowment fund. The Council had extensive discussions about the CSA as acting unjustly by NOT adjusting the amount owed or considering the effect of the pandemic on all parish donations. This is not a “business as usual” time for many congregations.

On the bright side, some of our expenses were lower, like utilities, but we may need to cut other expenses to be responsible during this unprecedented time. Salaries and cutting hours to part-time or eliminating positions may need to be considered.

Old Business

Father Patrick discussed the huge success of the October 24th Parish Day of Evangelization Event. Encounter Ministries helped us to reach hundreds of homes and the day was a victory in our neighborhood outreach. The Holy Spirit was alive and with us!

More updates from Father Patrick included:

Technology update: Video screens for front side walls of church may be ready for installation before or shortly after Christmas. Cost of \$45K was pre-approved and money was already allocated for this project, pre-pandemic.

Families of Parishes: The AOD has planned to release the list of all Phase One (begins July,2021) and Phase Two families (July,2022) on the first Sunday of Advent. We are a Phase One parish.

Thematic Goal Update: The Corpus Christi Leadership Team has determined that our new goal will be ***Embracing the New Norm***. It will consist of the following objectives.

- New Technology
- Invest in Parish staff and culture
- Provide Pastoral care amid returning to church
- Refresh commissions and councils
- Church and Office logistics
- Communication and Engagement Strategy
- Families of Parishes

New Business

- Black Catholic History Month Celebration has been rescheduled for Friday, February 5, 2021.
- Why Corpus Christi? An advertising series that invites a look into, and addresses reasons why, our Catholic Community is a special place to worship.

Round Table

Evangelization: Paul M. is currently gathering addresses for VON (**V**isiting **O**ur **N**eighbor) for the Christmas season. Delivering 300-400 cards. Also discussed evangelizing within the church walls and online.

Faith Formation: Elaine O. stated that the GOF Session 3 will soon be available for adults and teens. Thank You letters were made by the children to the adults in their life who have given them their faith. Students in Reconciliation (GR.3-4) Sr. Frances tried conference calls and it has been very successful. Joe Long gave a report on six Confirmation candidates.

Hospitality: Carol L. described the desire of the committee to host a virtual Zoom Christmas Party on Dec. 12 for the church community. Games, music, and Santa, will be part of the family fun.

Stewardship: Art G. relayed that the committee is working on ways to make more money. Cancellation of the Santa Breakfast, Women's Bazaar etc. has depleted their coffers.

Worship: Paul M.- Altar servers numbers have decreased as many have dropped out due to their age or lack of interest. Paul is also the new lector scheduler and trainer. New lector manuals for Year B are now available for all lectors.

Announcements:

History of Black Catholicism:

Kim P. will be in touch with Vickie Figueroa to help advertise the Black Catholic History website, Facebook, our bulletin with articles about the History of Black Catholicism.

Crisis Pregnancy Center: Virtual Baby Shower in Honor of Mary is scheduled for Sunday, November 29 from 2-3 p.m. RSVP [_KPCLACT247@gmail.com](mailto:KPCLACT247@gmail.com)

Mass of Remembrance: Elaine O. questioned who could be remembered at our Mass for deceased parish members. What about their children? Grandchildren? Who may have passed away. No consensus was reached.

Troy A. questioned why rules are being changed without due process. He would like to see a more formal process for change.

Christeena L. questioned whether it might be possible to have a virtual Prayer Retreat.

Father Patrick ended the meeting with an Our Father and Glory Be.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Lawrence

Our next ZOOM Parish Council Meeting will be on January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

