

Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council

Zoom Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2021

Meeting Opened: By Christeena Livingston-Long at 7:11 p.m.

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

Members Absent: H. McClarty, J. Lopez

Opening Prayer: Elaine O'Neill

Formation: Fr. Patrick- St. Joseph's feast day is March 19. Patris Corde is an apostolic letter celebrating St. Joseph as an apostolic leader of the church.

Approval of Agenda: Approved: All

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Motioned: Valerie, Seconded: Elaine, Approved: All

Standing Reports:

Trinity Vicariate: Paul Moore -There will be a one-day retreat for all priests of the vicariate on March 19, 2021. Received a 5K grant from Catholic Foundation of Michigan. Reviewed FOP -wave 2. Suggested focus: Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy.

Finance Council: Homer McClarty-Absent- No report-Finance committee did not meet. Next meeting scheduled for March 26. Good news! The \$70K PPP Covid government loan has been forgiven. Second PPP loan for 59K was also approved. Our church collections are improving.

Old Business:

Technology: Viewership is increasing. John has worked out kinks, Fanny and Michele are continuing to work on printing lyrics for all music. Live stream will continue into the future. Troy suggested adding an index of past Masses, other topics, also children's subjects. Another idea...adding a "Welcome Back" sign on the screen.

Update on Families of Parishes: From Fr. Patrick: Four questions to ponder.

1. Why do we exist?
2. How do we behave?
3. What do we do?
4. How will we succeed?

Thematic Goal: Preparing for FOP

1. Educational process-Letters to be sent to parishioners after Easter
2. Create clarity on strengths/gifts of parish...18-20 members (a sampling) reported on our charisms as a parish.
3. Family Lenten Retreat (not this year) maybe Pentecost?
4. A.O.D. Family gatherings: Friday, May 21...Encounter the new FOP, June 18...How can we grow together? July 16...Witnessing to the Lord.
5. Getting to know the parishes in the family.

Registration site for attendees: www.FOP.org/gatherings

Leadership Team:

Investigate/Experiment FOP Collaboration

Moderator was chosen. He is Fr. Jaime Hinojos from St. Juan Diego Parish.

Standard operating objectives are:

Mass attendance

Collections

A culture of prayer

Operational efficiency

New Business:

Covid 19 Vaccine Process: Going smoothly. Miriam doing an excellent job at evangelizing by distributing books, prayer cards, Corpus Christi pens, and pamphlets to those awaiting their vaccine.

Proposal for Rainbow Room Adult Day Care: Christian Service

Sr. Immaculata, MS, proposing a day care for those with disabilities ages 14-40. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Would include 4 staffers, and no more than 12 clients. Discussion held. Questioning liabilities for school children, etc. "Imago Dei" Fr. Patrick will have more information next month.

Round Table:

Evangelization: Paul Moore:

Committee meeting was held on Jan. 19, combination of VOM and storefront. Positive results with Brighton evangelizers. Sat. May 1 neighborhood outing. Miriam and Fr. Patrick are designing a handout for upcoming events this summer with PPE. Also considering evangelizing parish members who have not been to church for a while to invite them back...may call or visit. Maybe put a message on the church video screen.

Faith Commission: Elaine O'Neill

Schedule for GOF changes. Nothing will be done for Holy Week. Next scheduled program is April 10. Topic: Do we really need the church? Difficulty in getting volunteers for the discussion panel. Our next topic will be on "The Body of Christ".

Faith formation has been trying for 3-4 years to improve parental involvement and help parents to get even deeper in their faith. Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is now reaching children 2-3 years old.

Hospitality Commission : Carol Lawrence

Nothing is planned at the moment. Still considering a June outdoor Mass and ice cream social to honor Fr. Don's 51st ordination. Also Mary Davis could use financial help in paying her medical and rehabilitation bills. Get well cards are also appreciated.

Stewardship Commission: Art Glinz

Committee is not meeting in April. Anyone wishing to use the church must request permission from the Stewardship committee and report back with any profits made for the event. (AOD by law 501c3 requires that raising money on the church premises must be documented to show the IRS what was earned).

Worship Commission: Paul Moore- no meeting was held.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Patrick

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Leader will be Homer McClarty.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Lawrence

Leadership Team:

Refreshing the various commission's communications by implementing:

1. A standard format for minutes
2. A standard for what is presented to the council
3. A standard for how the council will reply to the request of the commission

This will help us be a strong unit with the AOD as we enter into the Family of Parishes.

Our Thematic Goal: Fr. Patrick provided the following update:

The Leadership Team is following our new thematic goal in "Preparing for the Family of Parishes".

Defining Objectives:

1. F.O.P. Education process
2. Clarity of each parish's strengths/gift
3. Planning a Family Lenten Retreat
4. Getting to know other parishes in the Family
5. Investigate/experiment with parish collaborations
6. Leadership Team role/Communication

Our Standard Operating Objectives:

1. Mass attendance
2. Collections
3. A culture of Prayer
4. Operation efficiency
5. Evangelization

Family of Parishes Update: Fr. Patrick informed us that the AOD will name the moderator of the F.O.P. by the end of February. He will be the “lead” priest for the family. All priests will remain in their current parish and administration still falls to each parish and their priest. Sts. Peter & Paul, a Polish-only Masses parish, are their own identity and will not participate in the Family.

Technology Update:

Fr. Patrick reported that our video screen project is 95% complete with only the crucifix needing to be installed. The power of the computer used to live stream the services must have a stronger signal and the audio still needs improvement. Continuing use of the hand-held microphone, along with John now using two cameras to scan the entire church while video-taping, were also discussed.

New Business:

Archbishop dispensation announcement. Required attendance for Mass for the general population will begin on Saturday March 13th. Exceptions will be made for those who are elderly, afraid of contracting Covid, etc.

Round Table:

On April 14th in-person attendance will resume for various commissions.

Evangelization Committee: Trying to work on evangelizing in your own life. Living by example.

Faith Commission: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd...First Communion class has five students. Jeannette and Valerie are helping children to “fall in love” with Jesus. They are also learning to meditate on the Mass. Parents are noticing a change in their children, resting in God.

Important dates: Saturday, April 24-First Communion...Saturday, June 12-Confirmation with Bishop Henson.

G.O.F. Terrific video on the Holy Spirit -includes testimonials from parishioners. How do I get an intimate relationship with God?

Emmaus groups currently have 30 members.

Hospitality Committee: C. Lawrence: Mary Davis, the chairperson of the committee, has been in MaryCrest Manor in Livonia since January 12. Mary reported that she has secured a large outdoor tent for June 6 for an outdoor Mass and celebration of Fr. Don's 51st Anniversary as a priest. An ice cream social will follow.

Endowment/Stewardship Committee: Art Glinz: During the Stewardship Committee meeting the disbanding of the Endowment Committee was discussed and how that might be handled in the future.

Worship Commission: Paul Moore is still covering the lector calendar and lector training. A council member brought attention to parishioners who are feeling uninformed about those who are currently ill. Can it be updated more rapidly? Our Women's Support Group currently has 8 members. Could they form a "Chat Line" to share more timely occurrences of illness, surgery etc.- a "Compassionate Care Team".

Easter Planning will take place via Zoom on March 6 @ 9:00-11:15.

COVID VACCINE UPDAT: Corpus Christ will be a Covid Vaccine Site beginning in March. More info to follow.

Closing Prayer: Father Patrick

Our next ZOOM meeting date: March 18, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. Elaine O'Neill will lead our opening prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Lawrence