

Corpus Christi Council Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2020
7:45pm Parish Office Bldg. / Multi-Purpose Room

Council Members Present: Roy Benjamin, Susan Cavanaugh, Autumn Dabrowski, Emily Houle, Chip Matuszewski, Sharon Pagryzinski, Mathieu Pero, Mark Sebald and Pete Steyer

Council Members Absent: Brenda Bow, Rita Fortin, Jennifer Klenk and William Kolka

Ex Officio Members Present: Fr. Bob Kelm, Sr. Joann Plumpe, and Jan Spaulding

Ex Officio Members Absent: NA

Also Present: Jeff Arthurton (Faith formation commission), Mark Emge (Stewardship Commission), Mike Slezak (Finance Commission), Judy Wisniewski (Christian Services Commission) and Deacon Dave

I. Call to Order:

- a. by Chair Mark Sebald at 7:50 PM

II. Meditation: Sharon Pagryzinski

III. Commission Reports:

a. Christian Service:

- i. Report by Judy Wisniewski
- ii. Visited the rescue mission tonight
 1. Overview
 2. Tour of individual rooms
 3. Supplies
 4. Layout/operations
- iii. Clothing was sorted according to sized and they were in good condition
- iv. Overall a well-organized operation with single mothers with 1 or 2 children as the predominate clients

b. Stewardship:

- i. Report by Mark Emge
- ii. All information has been sent to the different groups for stewardship
- iii. Everyone has been contacted with a few exceptions
- iv. Two people have offered to assist with photography
- v. Website is still under discussion
 1. A template will be created so each group can contribute
 2. The collected information will then be posted on the website
 3. A template format will assist Jennifer Aryes with website improvements

- a. Chip suggested using the website to provide the mass or parts of the mass, such as readings, for people homebound and traveling
 - b. A positive aspect of mass for many that could not attend
 - c. Could also promote our church
 - d. Mark Sebald will make a call to All Saints to determine if students would like to assist with the technology side
 - e. Mark Sebald informed Mark Emge that bylaw changes need to be reviewed by Fr. Robert prior to adoption
 - f. Mark E will submit copies to Father for review

 - vi. Groups are having minor communication issues on when to contact-currently being resolved to ensure people are not falling though
 - vii. Discussion of addition to bulletin: "If you have not been contacted please contact the following person."
 - viii. Stewardship would like to publish "stewards in action" on the web site as a tool to reach out to a larger audience
 - ix. Jennifer Ayres volunteers to help with website modifications
 - x. Would like feedback from council on utilizing the website more and additional ideas of what to include to improve the profile of stewardship
- c. Finance:
- i. Report by Mike Slezak
 - ii. Finance requested to shift meeting to April 15, and conduct a joint meeting, due to April 8th falling on holy week
 - 1. Motion by Peter Steyer, second by Roy Benjamin for meeting at 6:30 on April 15th
 - 2. All ayes, no nays-approved
 - iii. Collected \$15,283.00 average per week
 - iv. \$16,046.00 per week last year
 - v. Expenses are down due to low snow and warmer weather
 - vi. Computer upgrade, due to software incompatibility, will be additional expense
 - vii. Continued work on heating system
 - 1. Plan needs to be submitted to diocese
 - 2. Engineering report will be needed to support-Kibby to complete
 - 3. \$12,000.00~\$14,000.00 to complete structural report
 - 4. Anything over \$15,000.00 needs to be approved by diocese
 - 5. Enough power in building but panel needs to be upgraded with new breakers to support roof top units that were proposed
 - 6. Bids will be collected again after engineering report is finalized
 - viii. Altar railing delayed due to illness-will be done soon
 - ix. Hedwig properties has interest through Miller group for all three properties
 - x. Other two showings have not produced viable progress
 - xi. Contract with Miller group ends mid-April
 - xii. CSA is still \$7,800.00 short

- d. Faith Formation:
 - i. Report by Jeff Arthurton
 - ii. Mary attended retreat for education development
 - iii. Acts was covered during retreat
 - iv. Usage of education buildings is still under discussion including how to move forward
 - v. Alternative heating units covered
- e. Worship:
 - i. Report by Jan Spaulding
 - ii. Dated will be set for church for Holy Week
 - iii. Need volunteers for foot washing. Asked commission to volunteer or help find volunteers

IV. Athletic Association Report: No report

V. Dare to Dream:

- a. No submissions

VI. Good News:

- a. Emily Houle: fish fry will start this month (28th)
- b. Chip-has been to many churches lately due to road time and he has observed we have an excellent church. Our music is great along with the people.

VII. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes from January 8th, 2020 motion to approve
- b. All ayes and no nays-minutes approved

VIII. Pastor's Report:

- a. 2018 767 people average (Holy Trinity)
- b. Oct 2019 661 people average (14% loss in attendance and associated income) for Corpus Christi
 - i. Catherine of Siena up 2%
 - ii. Our Lady of Peace down 11%
 - iii. All Saints up 1.5%
 - iv. Blessed Trinity in Frankenmuth up 1.5%
 - v. Our Lady of Czestochowa up 0%
 - 1. St. Stanislaus Church up 4%
 - 2. St. Hyacinth Church down 4%
 - vi. St Jude down 0.5%
- c. Diocese down 4.4% overall
- d. Overall feedback is some people have stopped going to church due to scandals
- e. People moving out of area and reduction of young people attending is also affecting totals
- f. Father and the Bishop are concern of how to appeal to younger people
- g. Age of 13 is when youth start to pull away from religion according to report
- h. Reflection of society at large

IX. Motion brought to floor:

- a. April meeting adjustment (see finance commission section)

X. Discussion Items:

- a. Chip Matuszewsk-image needs to change as young people are looking for something to hold on to. Recent catholic ads promoting faith are a positive movement.
- b. Mark Sebald-concern current generation not teaching importance and core family not attending together
- c. Jan Spaulding-bad news is continually spread across social media but good news is not
- d. William Kolka has resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons on January 7th
- e. William Kolka's replacement will be discussed at the next meeting

XI. Action Items:

- a. Mathieu to update other commission/council members of April change

XII. Closing Prayer:

- a. All

XIII. Meeting Adjourned:

- a. 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mathieu Pero, Secretary