

Corpus Christi Council Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2020
7:45pm Parish Office Bldg. / Multi-Purpose Room

Council Members Present: Roy Benjamin, Brenda Bow, Autumn Dabrowski, Jennifer Klenk, Sharon Pagryzinski, Mathieu Pero, Mark Sebald and Pete Steyer

Council Members Absent: Susan Cavanaugh, Rita Fortin, Emily Houle, William Kolka, and Chip Matuszewski

Ex Officio Members Present:

Ex Officio Members Absent: Fr. Bob Kelm and Sr. Joann Plumpe

Also Present: Jeff Arthurton (Faith formation commission), Mark Emge (Stewardship Commission), Peter Kirchman (Finance Commission), Mike Slezak (Finance Commission), Joseph Potvin (Booster Commission) and Judy Wisniewski (Christian Services Commission)

I. Call to Order:

- a. by Chair Mark Sebald at 7:48 PM

II. Meditation: Mark Sebald

III. Commission Reports:

a. Christian Service:

- i. Report read by Mathieu Pero on behalf of Jan Slezak
- ii. St. Vincent de Paul had an increase in volunteer hours but decrease in food requests, clients served, food value, and vouchers
- iii. Thank you notes sent from Helen Nickless Volunteer Clinic for meals provided in 2019
- iv. Giving tree provided 250 gifts for 125 children and donations of cash totaled \$3,435.00
- v. 25 funeral luncheons were held in 2019
- vi. Ruth Luptowski has agreed to organize an Alzheimers presentation
- vii. Mary Ann Benjamin will arrange time for the next meeting to be held at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission-tentatively for February

b. Stewardship:

- i. Report by Mark Emge
- ii. 302 forms turned in last year, 258 returned forms this year
- iii. Data entered into the computer and those that were new would receive contact
- iv. Software was causing issues but Jan Spaulding worked on manual spread sheets to overcome the situation to ensure people would be contacted-software is expected to improve once all data is entered
- v. People with a new box checked were forwarded to ministries

- 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 Peter Kirchman
- ii. As of December 30th holiday collection \$3000.00 ahead of what was budgeted
- iii. About \$20,000.00 in the black as of December 30th
- iv. Alter railing will be started right away
- v. State of boiler-in good shape but no parts available for repairs within standard channels
 - 1. Internet is only source of parts
 - 2. Parts are expensive to keep it running
 - 3. Options are still being discussed on what approach to take
 - 4. Relocation of faith formation is under consideration
 - 5. Building utilization is under serious consideration
 - 6. The final decision on building recommendation will be by the finance commission
 - 7. Input from the diocese will also be a guiding force
- vi. BACS questions recap
 - 1. Guest speaker will be talking with bishop but no big changes are anticipated
 - 2. Change of structure of schools needs to be announced soon because it will affect budget as related to registration
 - 3. BACS is in the black according to their audit
 - 4. If we don't issue our check for BACS they can remove money from accounts

d. Faith Formation:

- i. Report by Jeff Arthurton
- ii. New brochure has been created for the high school youth coffee house
- iii. 17 candidates for first Eucharist
- iv. 2 choices for Lenten program-Mary to present to Fr Robert
 - 1. Theology based
 - 2. Bible based
- v. Two people resigned from commission and one absent
 - 1. One moved-
 - 2. One resigned for personal reasons
 - 3. One has not made contact with the group for some time
 - 4. Down to 5
- vi. Concern about faith formation relocation in relation to heating system growing

- e. Booster:
 - i. Report by Joseph Potvin
 - ii. Nothing currently to report

IV. Athletic Association Report: No report

V. Dare to Dream:

- a. Pete- Would like to proceed with mounting cross behind altar
- b. Mark- Still moving towards his goal but final authorization is still pending

VI. Good News:

- a. Sharon Pagryzinski - More than 400,000 signatures were obtained in the right to life signature drive. 379,000 were considered valid per Right to life Right to life Michigan and the organization has a 96 percent success rate for validity of signatures.

VII. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes from November 13, 2019: Approved pending change requested.
- b. Changes to be completed and submitted with January minutes as discussed
- c. All ayes and no nays issued on this course of action-motion approved

VIII. Pastor's Report:

N/A

IX. Motion brought to floor:

- a. Suspend January, February, and March tithing and review quarterly for reinstatement
- b. Motion brought forth by Mark Sebald-all ayes, no nays-approved

X. Discussion Items:

- a. Roy B: Lights have been repaired on the information sign
- b. Jan Spaulding: Decoration will be taken down after the 10:15
- c. Jan Spaulding: Many empty envelopes were left in the pews during Christmas which may have affected collections. Consider not repeating additional envelopes next year

XI. Action Items:

- a. Prayer for Jennifer Klenk will be added to the next agenda
- b. Next opening prayer to be completed by Sharon Pagryzinski

XII. Closing Prayer:

- a. All

XIII. Meeting Adjourned:

- a. 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mathieu Pero, Secretary