

Corpus Christi Council Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2020
7:45pm Parish Office Bldg. / Multi-Purpose Room

Council Members Present: Roy Benjamin, Brenda Bow, Susan Cavanaugh, Autumn Dabrowski, , Jennifer Klensk , Chip Matuszewski, Sharon Pagryzinski, Mathieu Pero, Mark Sebald

Council Members Absent: Rita Fortin, Emily Houle, and Pete Steyer

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

Ex Officio Members Absent: NA

Also Present: Mark Emge (Stewardship Commission), Peter Kirchman (Finance Commission), Joseph Pavin (Booster Club), Guin Petrimoulx (Christian Services Commission) and Deacon Dave

I. Call to Order:

- a. by Chair Mark Sebald at 7:49 PM

II. Meditation: Mark Sebald

III. Commission Reports:

a. Christian Service:

- i. Report by Guin Petrimoulx
- ii. St Vincent DePaul: \$4,300.00 output for clients
- iii. 3 dates scheduled for volunteer meal
 - 1. March, August, and October
- iv. March 22nd Alzheimer presentation in parish hall
- v. Bunny hugs is opening this weekend

b. Stewardship:

- i. Report by Mark Emge
- ii. Jennifer Ayers website discussion/visit
 - 1. Photography discussed further
- iii. Website discussion ongoing including setting up a forum on the site
- iv. Forms could also be added to promote a group/event
- v. Reviewing publishing the brochure on the website
- vi. Personal information such as numbers won't be published but another method for facilitating communication is being discussed

c. Finance:

- i. Report by Peter Kirchman
- ii. \$27,000.00 in the red through February
- iii. Projected to be \$16,000.00 at this time of the year
- iv. Collection down \$300.00 on week

- v. Covid19 virus situation is affecting attendance and collection
 - vi. Interest in St. Hedwig properties
 - 1. 2 to 3 people are looking at entire property
 - vii. Rush of interest typical for end of listing time
 - viii. New CMA (CSA) target is \$108,000.00 as of March 11th, 2020
 - ix. New name: Christ's Mission Appeal
 - x. Unknown why the number went up-Finance requesting reason for increase
 - xi. Calculation is still under review to understand approach-more information will be provided at next meeting by Finance
 - xii. Council asked if the same formulas and procedures are being used-no answer
- d. **Booster Club:**
- i. Report by Joseph Pavin
 - ii. First two fish fry event have gone exceedingly well
 - iii. Thanks is given to all for the success and support of the fish fry
 - iv. Mark Sebald requested to have cafeteria left in clean shape for funerals and events planned in the days after the fry
- e. **Liturgy Commission:**
- i. Report by Jan Spaulding
 - ii. Review of Holy Week and setup for church
 - iii. March 25th work day for church prep
 - iv. Will not meet on April 15th
 - v. Volunteer sheet for ministers are out for Holy Week but they are not filled and additional help is needed
 - vi. 12 empty slots for washing of the feet still open

IV. Athletic Association Report: No report

V. Dare to Dream:

- a. Sue Cavanaugh-we need to reinstitute tithing for the benefit of the people
- b. Mark Sebald-increase communication between commissions

VI. Good News:

- a. Mark Sebald- Oasis book-stories of conversion to Catholicism from famous people
 - i. Recommended as reading

VII. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes from February 12th, 2020
 - i. Motion to approve brought by Brenda Bow and Roy Benjamin
- b. All ayes and no nays-minutes approved

VIII. Pastor's Report:

- a. Heating system contract signed with Kibby for review of social hall and gym for structural integrity related to rooftop units of heating/ac
- b. Required to ensure trusses are adequate to support load and if not, cost to reinforce
- c. Bids based on time and material basis
- d. CMA (CSA) kickoff in May on first weekend Sat the 2nd (if approved)

- e. An organization wants the parish to give them the St Hedwig property
 - i. Safe Harbor is the requesting organization
 - ii. Twice a week would host a midday dinner
 - iii. One time a week on a Saturday will have larger pantry food give away
 - iv. Will increase traffic for area
 - v. Organization does not have money and is requesting the donation
 - vi. Fr. Bob Kelm will not approve-not fiscally responsible as capital is needed by the parish
- f. Properties are still not approved to split for separate sale
 - i. Talks still pending between Fr. Bob and Bishop
- g. Altar railing may be up by Easter
 - i. Will look just like what is in front of the choir
 - ii. Approval is all set-no other hurdles

IX. Motion brought to floor:

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

X. Discussion Items:

- a. Attendance ideas:
 - i. Mark Sebald-checking with office on signs and feasibility
 - ii. Hats and shirts with church name and possible website
 - iii. DreamBiggerMedia.com is a contact Mark followed up on for media preparations
 - iv. Chip Matuszewski -target young families
 - v. Take children out of mass for focused session during readings
 - vi. Would work even if it is just for a 10;15 mass
 - vii. May pull in families as a positive feature
 - viii. Ask the people in church what if their ideas are
 - ix. Bring a friend to mass day, bring a family to mass or event
 - x. Sharron Pagryzinski-Midland Blessed Sacrament
 - xi. Implemented a book for guidance on church rebuilding
 - xii. Additional information on the book and method could be a start for reevaluation
 - xiii. Mathieu Pero-Day care services
 - xiv. Provide an indirect method of talking with families to gain interest
 - xv. Exposure to our positive ways, ideals, and quality people
 - xvi. Brenda B-Visit other churches that are growing
 - xvii. Observe what the differences are
 - xviii. Freeland is growing
 - xix. Build list of people who aren't participating
 - xx. Determine who knows them to make a personal call/visit

- xxi. A personal approach would have a more successful result
- xxii. This needs to be discussed next month as an extension to result in action

- xxiii. Sr. Joann:-Consult company that performs anonymous surveys
- xxiv. Was done in the past and it did provide some useful information
- xxv. Good way to obtain current sample of what the issues may be
- xxvi. List of old questions for reference will be included with the minutes for March

- xxvii. Fr. Bob Kelm-Will contact other churches to see if additional questions have been asked/methods used to approach those who have stopped attending

XI. Action Items:

- a. Alternate approval
- b. Mark Sebald: Chip Matuszewski should step up to fill Bill Kolka's slot-including finishing his term which will continue for another year
- c. Chip Matuszewski agrees with what is in protocol if the path proposed fits protocol
- d. Timeline for council nomination
- e. Mark Sebald: requested Fr. Bob to make announcement in church regarding the pending elections

XII. Closing Prayer:

- a. All

XIII. Meeting Adjourned:

- a. 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mathieu Pero, Secretary