



CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 20, 2023

Attendees: Voting Members:

Bill Cashin
Valerie Coffey
Brian Duemling
Kelly Falcone
Paul Landolfi
Cristin McKenna
Alexandra Rigal

Ex Officio Members Present:

Fr. Kevin Corcoran
Msgr. Jim Mahoney
Carol Scala (Business Manager)
Bobbie Veeder (Trustee)
Brigette Vohden (DRE)

Ex Officio members not present:

Mark Kapsky (Trustee)
Fr. Michael Szwarc

Voting member not present:

none

Call to Order: 9:30 AM – Kelly Falcone

Opening Prayer: Cristin McKenna

Review/Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Kelly presented the March 18th minutes. Cristin moved to approve, and Valerie seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Update on What's Coming at for the Parish: Fr. Kevin

- Reinstitution of the Precious Blood: Bishop Kevin Sweeney has given permission for the distribution of Precious Blood to be part of Masses again within the Diocese of Paterson at the discretion of pastors beginning June 11, 2023. It had been suspended in the United States because of COVID. Fr. Kevin is considering introducing one Precious Blood-station per mass. Limitations on this includes the number of Eucharistic ministers we have available at masses, the comfort level of parishioners consuming from the shared cup, and the obligation of Eucharistic ministers to consume any Precious Blood remaining. Infection issues were also discussed by members. The option to receive both species is not required in order for

parishioners to receive the full benefit of the Sacrament. Fr. Kevin said that Christ is sacramentally (and equally) present under each species, and therefore if a person receives only one species, Christ is fully present, and nothing is lacking. This would alleviate any perception of obligation to receive both species by parishioners.

- Eucharistic Revival: The Universal Catholic Church is in year 2 of 3 of a Eucharistic Revival. The Eucharistic Revival aims to inspire, educate, and lead parishioners to a greater appreciation and love of the Eucharist. In light of this, two diocesan events will happen at Corpus Christi Parish on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11th. The first will be a gathering of several 1st Communicants from each parish for Eucharistic adoration with the bishop at 3PM. The second event will be a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration at 6PM with Bishop Sweeney.
- The Diocese of Paterson will be ordaining two men to the Transitional Diaconate this weekend, May 20, 2023. One of the candidates is our parishioner, Joseph DeMarzo. We will have his first Mass as a deacon the next day, Sunday, May 21 at 11AM at Corpus Christi Parish.
- Our Carnival meeting/planning is well underway. This year some evangelization efforts will be implemented, including offering information about Corpus Christi opportunities will be available to all attendees.

Financial Update and Restricted Building Fund: Carol Scala

- The Church Roof replacement is to begin next month by Fania Roofing Company from Dover. We are getting bids on repairing the Atrium windows and seals, which is a highly specialized type of repair. We have not yet gotten complete bids on the brickwork and other projects. The HVAC units' estimate is now at \$200K. Overall projected costs look on track to be more than originally thought. The Parish Finance-Committee which met the prior Wednesday suggested establishing a Building and Grounds Committee. This may be of help in vetting bids and providing expertise on how to evaluate the bids and planned work.
- Restricted building fund: As of May 11, 2023, we have received \$170K from 86 families. These range from \$5 to \$66,000 dollars. \$5K was donated by the local Knights of Columbus Council. Fr. Kevin explained the plan for rolling out requests for funds. There was also a discussion of giving overall in current years based on past giving patterns influenced by age and parish participation.
- Fr. Kevin thanked the Corpus Christi staff for a wonderful year of growth at Corpus Christi Parish. He especially thanked Carol Scala regarding her financial oversight.

Review of Proposed New Member Selection Process: Brian Duemling:

- Review the proposed new member selection process, to occur annually in the spring.
- Proposed a "pilot" selection process to select 2 new members this fall (2023). After discussion, all seven (7) voting members agreed we should proceed with the fall selection process.
- Regular Members approve proposed new member selection process. Vote was unanimous, with all seven (7) voting members approving the process.

Review of Revised Parish Pastoral Council Bylaws: Kelly Falcone

- Current draft of Bylaws presented to the Council
- Regular Members approved to adopt the draft Bylaws. Chairperson Kelly Falcone called for a vote, and each of the seven (7) Regular members individually voted to approve/adopt the Bylaws. These bylaws will be made available on the parish website.

Conclusions: Kelly Falcone

Closing Prayer: Brian Duemling

Next Meeting: Sept 16, 2023

Future meeting dates: (2023 – Sept 16, Nov 11)

(2024 –Jan 6, Mar 26, May18)