



CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes- DRAFT
Saturday, September 16th 2023

Attendees: Voting Members:

Valerie Coffey
Brian Duemling
Kelly Falcone
Cristin McKenna
Alexandra Rigal
Paul Landolfe

Ex Officio Members:

Fr. Kevin Corcoran
Fr. Michael Szwarc
*Carol Scala (Business Manager)
Bobbie Veeder (Board of Trustees)
Brigette Vohden (DRE)

Ex Officio members not present:

Msgr. Jim Mahoney
Mark Kapsky (Board of Trustees)

Voting member not present:

Bill Cashin

*present via speakerphone for financial report

Call to Order: 9:30 AM – Kelly Falcone

Opening Prayer: Bobbie Veeder

Review/Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Kelly Falcone presented. Brian moved to approve, Paul seconded with amendment that his name be added to the minutes as being in attendance, minutes approved unanimously with this amendment.

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

- Fr. Michael has been reassigned by Bishop Sweeney. His last day at Corpus Christi is Oct 1. Bishop Sweeney is looking for a replacement.
- Over \$7, 000 was donated by Corpus Christi for the recent Missionary Appeal for Xaverian Missionaries whose provincial office is in Wayne NJ.

- Oktoberfest will be Oct 21. Tickets are \$60 this year. Change of vendor to Black Forest Inn and inflation both contributed to the increased ticket price. A ½ keg has been donated by Trap Rock Inn.

Financial Update: Carol Scala (by phone).

- Reviewed Financial Report which is in this week's bulletin.
- Building funding as of today: \$344,696. Of this \$190 K is available for future projects. The roof is estimated to be \$91,000 (including permits). Additional improvements ongoing include upgraded security cameras, cleaning of cushions/carpets/floors which have been deep cleaned. Starting next week, the stained glass will be evaluated for leaks/recaulking. In mid-October brickwork on the side of the belltower will be repaired. This coming Wednesday, landscaping will begin. Future work will require examination of the flat roof as additional new leaks have been identified. HVAC to begin in 2024 as grant from the state will provide significant price reduction of 70% bringing project cost down to \$180K.

New Member Selection Process Update: Brian Duemling

- Calendar/Schedule of Fall Nomination and Selection Process (Appendix A)
- Current nominees: There are 1-2 nominees. They have been notified of their nomination and provided with application. No applications have been received yet. If we have more applications than openings for the council by the time of November selection, then people can keep their names active for the next election drawing.
- What's working/what to change moving forward. We will evaluate after the initial election what may need to be changed. The new council members will be especially helpful in providing feedback for this.

Discussion of Council Goals for 2023-24- Kelly Falcone

- "Looking to the future with courage" Quote supplied by Fr. Michael for Parish Council.
- Continue to increase visibility of Council and direct engagement with parishioners. This will include "witness talks" during masses (schedule to be sent by Kelly so council members can sign up); direct engagement with parishioners perhaps after mass at a predetermined location. One challenge is how to help parishioners know who we are. Our photos are on the parish website which helps, but we don't know how many parishioners would seek info there.
- Subcommittee volunteers needed to review Parish survey results and recommend 4-5 areas of focus. This will be headed by Valerie. Cristin also volunteered to help with this. This will include feedback from parishioners obtained hopefully through face-to-face feedback sessions perhaps after mass.
- Future subcommittee to develop evaluation process for Parish Council goals/outcomes through the lens of the Parish Mission and Vision Statements.

Group Share/Self Formation: Kelly Falcone

- How do you envision your contributions to the Council in light of your faith journey? Each member shared their individualized answer which will be incorporated into their individual "witness talk" after masses.

Closing Prayer: Brigitte Vohden

Next Meeting: Saturday November 11th, 2023, at 9:30 AM

Remaining Schedule for 2023/24 Year:

- Saturday November 11, 2023
- Saturday January 6, 2024
- Saturday March 16, 2024
- Saturday May 18, 2024