

**DRAFT**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Attendees:

Voting Members:

Bill Cashin  
Valerie Coffey  
Kelly Falcone  
Lenny Levito  
Cristin McKenna  
Alexandra Rigal  
Brian Duemling  
Laura Otten  
Lauren Rigal  
Alexandra Rigal  
Anne Sartorus

Ex Officio Members:

Fr. Kevin Corcoran  
Msgr. Jim Mahoney  
Fr. Kamil Kiszka  
Mark Kapsky (Corpus Christi Board of Trustees)  
Carol Scala

Ex Officio members not present:

Bobbie Veeder (Corpus Christi Board of Trustees)

Voting members not present:

Alexandra Donoghue  
Chris Godziela  
Paul Landolfe

**Call to Order:** 9:30 AM – Kelly Falcone

**Opening Prayer:** Brian Duemling

**Review/Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Kelly Falcone presented the minutes which were unanimously approved.

**Thank you to outgoing members:** Kelly Falcone

- Christin McKenna and Alexandra Rigal
- A special thank you to Fr. Kamil as he departs for his missionary work in Alaska

### **New Member Selection Process Recap: Brian Duemling**

- Brian welcomed new members as well with also a special thank you to outgoing members and those who served on various sub-committees.
- Results of council selection process went well and was well received.
- The nomination process entails any parishioner, who has been a member of the parish for 6 months, be nominated by fellow parishioners. After the nominee submits their application, they will receive an email from Fr. Kevin confirming their nomination to be randomly selected.
- The term limit for serving on the Parish council is three years, which includes a council member representing teens and a parent of a child in faith formation. By the fall of this year, the council will have 11 voting members, which is the maximum allowed. January 2025 will start the new nomination process.

### **Welcome New Members: Brian Duemling**

- Alexandra Donoghue, Chris Godziela, Lenny Levito, Anne Sartorius

### **Update on What's Coming for the Parish: Fr. Kevin & Carol Scala**

- New HVAC system to be installed on the flat roof over the gymnasium and offices; projected start June 5<sup>th</sup>. This project should take approximately 6 weeks of work. \$183,000, no out of pocket upfront; monthly payments over 60 months of \$3064.29, should save approximately 50% month on AC/Heat bills the estimate from Direct Install is a monthly savings of 1551.98. All duct work will be done first; followed by roofing
- Roof replacement to start by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July; by Weathertite, with a signed contract of \$140,000, with a 20 year warranty. This contract signed saved approximately \$90,000.
- There will be a loss of parking spaces due to dumpster placement during construction, which will be blocked off, however a clear path will be provided around the building.
- Hickory Tree is the new landscaping service; The design and drawing for the second entrance sign of the church where the new landscaping was just completed is pending and will be presented in the bulletin for feedback from the parishioners.
- Building improvements were done for the parish: HVAC systems, landscaping, roofing within operating expense budget as well as money raised from the Building campaign.
- Carnival 2024 is in process, help is needed, only 55% of volunteer positions filled. Present carnival contract is ending, committees looking into retaining new contracts, may sell wristbands instead of ticket books, State Inspectors also will give suggestions to meet with future carnival vendors.

### **Brainstorming Session Recap: Kelly Falcone**

- Purpose of council last meeting on brainstorming session was to generate ideas to help engage the parish in the new paradigm; in the past staff was relied upon however parish is shifting to more parishioner led ministries as an outreach to spread our parish mission.
- Ways to engage more fellowship through new programs and supporting these efforts as parishioners get involved; providing incentives for outreach programs.
  - Identify our core programs and our resources
  - Engaging people with their skills

- Support and engage with new parishioners, such as a newcomers club
- Making volunteering easy via information on our website

**Looking Ahead – Parish Renewal:** Kelly Falcone and Fr. Kevin

- Fr. Kevin reminded us that we need to bear much fruit for Jesus as his disciples. Fr. Kevin gave a brief introduction on Parish Renewal. Given our cultural and society demographics, surveys found when asking people about religion or faith they held, increasingly people selected “none”.
- Parish Life needs to change to help our community learn about and draw in Jesus into their lives as many do not have a strong sense of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him as a disciple.
- Statistics from “Dynamic Catholic” show that Mass attendance has decreased 27% over the past 20 years, one in five children baptized Catholic do not receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion; Two in five children baptized are not confirmed.
- Fr. Kevin exploring how our Parish can start a Renewal Program inviting all to explore a personal relationship with Christ. This would entail examining ways to shift our Parish culture and programming to bring parishioners closer to Christ wherever they are on their faith journey. This process would happen over a 3-to-5-year period.
- Possible ways to do so are implementing retreats, exploring small group sessions, and encouraging family faith formation. Goal is to have something for everyone to make them comfortable to change hearts closer to Christ.

**Leadership Roles Nominations/Confirmations:** Kelly Falcone

- Vice Chairperson, Brian Duemling for an additional year
- Laura Otten, Recorder

**Group Share/Self Formation:** Kelly Falcone

- How might you share Christ’s hope and healing with others this summer?

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Kapsky

**Remaining Schedule for 2024:**

- Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>