

**Church of Corpus Christi
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017**

In attendance: Father Fitz, Steve P, Jill K, Betsy M, Tony V, Toni L (guest = Sue Valois)

We looked at a 40" flat screen TV that Tony V brought in and set up as an example of an electronic information source. Cost is a few hundred dollars. Determined anything larger would be too large (and more expensive). Easy to use: just need slideshow on a thumbdrive, control via remote control. Would display timely reminders and information but should not be too wordy. Discussed ways to avoid damage, theft. Suggested attaching to a wheeled cart and displaying it in the niche on the upper level of the Gathering Area (outside ladies restroom). When not in use and no masses in process, could lock it in Sacristy.

Committee Reports

Social Justice

- Loaves and Fishes location change is delayed due to delayed bonding bill. Considering a letter-writing campaign or phone bank to contact legislators re bonding bill and importance for the Dorothy Day Center/Loaves and Fishes.
- February: collecting toiletries for homeless
- March: service project to pack school supplies
- Survey results (third survey was regarding Social Justice): Food was most commented item. Strategic Planning Committee to have results for bulletins this weekend.
- Considering having a Cana dinner/gathering
- We missed honoring migration Sunday (was yesterday, 1/8). Christmas Day and New Year's Day landing on Sundays cut short the holy days. Make sure to honor it next year (on Epiphany Sunday).

Pastoral Care

- Volunteers doing homebound visits met to touch base. Things are going well. Currently visiting approx. 24 people.

Faith Formation

- No report

Liturgy

- Next Christmas: considering getting a "Peace Light." Actual flame from Bethlehem makes its way across world. Individual parishes have oil lamp and parishioners can bring own (safe!) lamp to take light home. St. Rose parishioner had one this year and it worked well. Peacelight.org
- Continuing to work on processes, e.g. gluten-free host
- Since there was a lot of new music in Advent, will have more traditional music in Lent.
- Binder with processes, reminders for all ministries to be available in the Sacristy.
- Fri. Feb 3 David Haas will come to have a prayer service for the Feast of St. Blaise.
- Lectors and Presiders could use a railing, near the podium. Across the back? Consider aesthetics, safety, seating in the round (don't want people to feel fenced off). For now, Lectors to try walking to far side of podium and using that railing.

Finance

- No December meeting. Next one (Jan. 16) will have the next solar presentation.

Communication

- Met last Thursday. Only Tony V and Toni L came. Amanda W is to give Tony V the website info so he can do updates.
- Communication was the #1 topic on all three recent surveys.
- Want more electronic communications. Tony V suggests setting up a system that is easy to pass on. Figuring out: what are the priorities? How keep the information current? Start with the website and the electronic kiosk. Social media later.

Solar Presentation 2

- Next presentation to be Jan. 16. Fr. Fitz noted that if the lease is for one year and/or \$25,000 or more, we need a proxy to sign for Archbishop and Vicar General.

CC Strategic Planning Team (CCSPT)

- Final comments/survey results to come this weekend. Topic was social justice. Established events/outreach and elderly ministries were rated high.
- Will meet to review the 3 pillars.
- Plan to have town meetings in February and March, probably after masses.
- Stewardship commitment cards are not coming back. The parish needs them, even \$0, for planning purposes. Considering making phone calls to nonresponders, will need volunteers. Update them on Corpus activities (if they haven't attended in a while) and get their information/interest.
- Big question: do we have enough parishioners to do all that people say they like?

Parishioner Comments

- Where are the directories? CC staff to get information from Amanda tomorrow.
- Make sure the Lector knows how to pronounce names, particularly for Prayers of the Faithful.

Father's Comments

- CC did well in 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. \$23,000 was goal: we gave almost \$30,000.
- Christmas donations are also up, not all recorded or in yet.
- Feeling seems to be more hopeful now. We have a Pope who is inclusive, a new Archbishop. Still, Sunday attendance is thin, especially if there is no Sunday school. Considering having staff make phone calls: we are here if you need us. The personal touch will have a good impact.
- Archdiocese bankruptcy is nearing the end – committees to meet next week. In February the Archdiocese offices will move to the original 3M offices (leasing), St. Paul's east side at 6th and 4th.
- 5 more new parishioners signed up over the weekend. Advertise on UMN's St. Paul campus? It is in CC area, although UMN buses allow St. Paul students to go to Newman on East Bank.