

Parish Council Minutes
Corpus Christi Parish
May 8, 2017

Board Members: Father Fitz, Steve Pawelski (Chair), Jill Klausning (Vice Chair), Sandy Hug (Secretary), Betsy Madden, Mo Boxrud, Phil Schruppf, Tony Valois, Sue Valois (Staff Liaison), and Lori Tierney (visitor).

Giving Garden Update: Lori Tierney reported that her contact at CAPI (Center for Asian Pacific Islanders) is interested in working together with some members of the Hmong community to rent out three community plots this summer. The written agreement was approved and Lori will ensure that the agreement will be translated in writing to the home language of the signers. Three equal plots are ready to be used. Each year the gardening partner will sign a contract, stating their intent to care for their plot and respect the rules of the Giving Garden. The Giving Garden is always in need of additional volunteers and any amount of time is appreciated.

Solar Garden Update: The next step is for the Archdiocese and Catholic Mutual to approve the contract between Corpus Christi and Apex. Mid-summer is the projected installation time. The unit would be a 76 kilowatt unit which would be paid for with capital investment funds. General Mills has agreed to donate seed to sow in the solar garden area that would act as pollinators.

Social Justice Committee: (Jill) They had a successful tour of Higher Ground. Corpus Christi will provide volunteers to work Project HOME at St. Matthews August 27-30 this year. The Committee is looking into some type of Christian-Islamic program of sharing and understanding for next year. (Betsy works with international students at the U of M and suggested their involvement.) Lumen Christi Parish has active social justice programs we could look to for ideas. Global Potluck might be ideal platform to welcome parishioners to share their immigration stories.

Pastoral Care: (Phil) They are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Sunrise Assisted Care. They now have three volunteers plus Fr. Fitz.

Liturgy: (Tony) They reviewed the Easter Season and discussed what worked and what needs changing for next year. Lots of positive feedback about meaningful Holy Week. Pentecost is coming up next, followed by the outdoor Mass with the blessing of

the Giving Garden/Graduates, and then the feast of Corpus Christi (which coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the current building as our parish home).

Finance: (Mo) The budget looks sound for this year, but we still have a deficit for next year. The staff is working on creating job descriptions, identifying what work is falling through the cracks, and looking at shifting or changing responsibilities. Job descriptions need to be solidified for next year. The website was also discussed. We need to update the website platform and make it easier to update, more user friendly and mobile device compatible.

Communication: (Tony) Tony bought a used tv cabinet for \$5 from Goodwill and cleaned it up. The tv fits in it, now only needing an arm of some sort to hold it up. Tony is in charge of putting things on the tv for viewing. Many positive parishioner comments have been made.

CCSPT: (Mo) An email will be sent out to parishioners with the final report of the Strategic Planning Team. Everyone will be invited to join one (or more) of four action teams: Communication, Facilities Maintenance, Art & Environment, and/or Stewardship.

Elections: Possible candidates were all called. There are four or five parishioners who are interested in running for election. They will have their bios and photos into the office within the week.

Father's Comments: Fr. Jim will be coming back July 1st to assist Fr. Fitz with both St. Rose and Corpus Christi. He will live in the St. Rose rectory and doesn't need us to pay into his social security account. Each parish budget will use \$20,000/year to pay his wages. Fr. Fitz is very excited to have the assistance with the heavy workload he's been facing this year.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 12th 8:00-9:30pm Gathering Area