

# **Parish Council Minutes**

## **Church of Corpus Christi**

### **Monday, Sept 11th, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Father Fitzpatrick, Jill Klausung (Chair), Mo Boxrud (Vice-Chair), Tony Valois (Secretary), Betsy Madden, Sandy Banaszak, Jim Colten, Kirk Enzenauer, Judy Plante, Toni Leach (staff Liaison) and Sue Valois (visitor).

**Prayer** (led by Jill).

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Introductions:** Included brief introductions of everyone for the benefit of the new members.

**Approval of June Minutes:** Kirk's name was misspelled under "Welcome New Members." It was noted that the past minutes are available on the web site only to last January. Older minutes will not be posted to the web site but paper copies should be available upon request in the Parish office.

**Committee Reports:** This included an orientation to the new members on the purpose of these committees, and in some cases assigning new Council Liaisons to these committees. Where there are multiple members attending a committee there may be a sharing of the liaison duty. As some of these committees do not meet over the summer and consequently a number of them have nothing new to report since last June.

**Social Justice:** (Kirk) Project Home was quite successful and well attended by CCC volunteers.

Upcoming events:

- Harvest Potluck Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, after 5:00 Mass.
- Coat Collection will be in late Oct, early November
- Giving tree in early December
- Global Potluck Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 Mass. Will have a program with speakers and perhaps music.

**Pastoral Care:** (Toni) Has not met since last spring, but gave a brief orientation to the new members. Jim will be the new liaison.

**Faith Formation:** Has not met (it does not meet frequently). Sandy will be the new liaison.

**Liturgy:** (Betsy) A review of Liturgical Ministry Issues since last meeting included a discussion of the new paint at the Baptismal Font, a discussion of the cancelled outdoor Mass, a review of the Summer Barbecue, the loss of Fairview Wine & Spirits' generous support for our many social events with their liquor license (this resulted in the observation that it would be fitting to acknowledge the Burwells in the Bulletin), the Hawaiian Mass (it was observed that the "Hawaiian Mass" had originally been conceived as a fun opportunity to wear brightly colored summer clothing that just happened to have the word "Hawaiian" in their descriptive name and has since evolved into a celebration of the Hawaiian culture), the Benefit Concert after the Summer Barbecue, and the State Fair Masses. About 150 hand fans were passed out at the Fair Masses advertising the CCC community to the fairgoers. A budget issue would be making the presence of a keyboard accompanist a regular component of these Masses, certainly in keeping with considering these Masses an outreach. The largest portion of the Liturgy meeting was spent planning for the upcoming All Liturgical Ministry Workshop.

**Finance:** (Toni) The National Stewardship Workshop was attended by some committee members. The committee is currently working on their bylaws.

**Building and Grounds:** The state of this committee is in flux. Nothing to report.

**Communications:** A new Communications "Action" Committee was formed and met for the first time last spring. Since it was a first meeting this group spent the bulk of their time discussing their purpose and brainstorming issues, events, and projects to work on. One such project was the design and creation of the publicity hand fans passed out

this year at the State Fair Masses. Another pending project is obtaining a list of neighborhood addresses from the Post Office for use in promoting our public events (e.g., the Lenten Fish Fry).

**Financial Picture and Hand In Hand Update** (Mo) The Parish's finances are looking OK. Hand In Hand was told we will not be expanding our campus. They have a lease for this school year, but because that was reviewed and updated recently it has not been signed yet. Because of their growing need for additional space they will be exploring possibilities for more space elsewhere. This may include continuing to use at least some of the space they are currently leasing from us or their complete departure from Corpus Christi. Apparently there is also the possibility that Roseville might allow them one additional year of use of the temporary building, but there are significant stipulations they would have to meet before Roseville would allow that. The hospice program of Saint Therese is still under consideration as an appropriate use of our extra space should Hand In Hand move out.

**Long Range Planning Team:** (Mo) While a good number of the items in the Strategic Plan that were raised by the all-Parish survey are already in the works, there is still a significant list of items remaining. To assist the team in prioritizing the remaining items the team has asked the PC to provide input by having the individual members give their own assessment of the priority of the remaining items. A worksheet listing the items was handed out to everyone as homework.

**Parishioner Comments:** Someone commented that it can be difficult to get through to the Parish office when calling on the phone. Toni replied there are intervals when staff may be tied up with other activities and no one available to answer the phones. This is especially true during the reduced staffing hours over the summer. Speculation is that the person making this comment was either uncomfortable leaving a message or perhaps not able to use the voicemail system. Some options for using call-forwarding was discussed and will also be explored further by the staff.

**Solar Project Update:** Things have continued to move forward and we are currently awaiting the approval of the Archdiocese.

**Father Jim Update:** The very recent news is that the Glencoe Police Department has announced that the investigation has been closed because there was no evidence to substantiate the allegations made against Father Jim. It is now up to the New Ulm Diocese to restore his status. We should keep the Parish informed on this by placing a note in the Bulletin.

**Father Fitzpatrick's Comments:** Virtus training will be available at St Rose and we should get the word out to our volunteers who work with youth. Father Fitz recently received a phone call about the Corpus Christi hosting the Deaf Community currently at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for regular Sunday worship. This is a possibility and certainly in keeping with our mission statement. More dialog is needed to explore this including how to schedule an additional regular Mass on the weekend.

**Next Meeting:** Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Valois.