

**Parish Council Minutes**  
**Church of Corpus Christi**  
**Monday, Oct 9th, 2017, 8:00PM**

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

**Absent:** Judy Plante.

**Visitors:** Sue Valois.

**Prayer** (Jill).

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of September Minutes:** approved as is.

**Committee Reports:**

**Social Justice:** (Kirk) The Giving Garden has been a great success with 7100lb of produce so far this year and the season is not over (the gardeners hope to beat last year's total.) Also pleased with the two new groups that came forward to participate. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> will be a designated garden cleanup day and we will be asking for additional volunteers to help with this. Currently brainstorming events for Lent. Upcoming events: The global potluck, the giving tree, and the coat collection for students.

**Pastoral Care:** (Toni) Has not met. Noted that Mass of Anointing had a good turnout with 52 attending.

**Faith Formation:** Has not met.

**Liturgy:** (Betsy) Began by discussing Ministry Issues. Among them: It has been noted that some of the Mass Coordinators leave the building very quickly after Mass and consequently the TV Slideshow is turned off before anyone staying for hospitality has a chance to see it. Suggested discussing with the Mass Coordinators and Hospitality Ministers whether the TV slideshow can be turned off later if that chore is transferred to the Hospitality people. Fifteen youth were introduced to or refreshed in the ministry of Eucharistic Minister on the Confirmation Retreat. Hopefully some will step forward to volunteer for this very visible ministry. The largest portion of the Liturgy meeting was spent recapping the successful All Liturgical Ministry Workshop (this is an event which the committee will probably be processing for some time). Some specific issues discussed were the location of the Proclamation of the Psalm, a modification to the timing of the music and silence during the Communion Rite including the reception of communion by the Music Ministers, and adding an additional table in the sanctuary to act as a repository for the Lectionary during the Liturgy. Because some of these changes represent a noticeable change in the Liturgy we should announce them to the congregation and also use the opportunity to educate them as to why we are implementing them. Timing will probably be the beginning of Advent since the congregation is generally expecting changes then.

**Finance:** (Mo/Toni) The Parish is largely on budget, but it is also still early in the financial year. The committee is creating a financial checklist to look at what we have to work with this year in order to prioritize projects. Sidewalks need attention, especially the area between the office and the church, which should be dealt with before the snow flies. On the horizon is a resurfacing of the parking lot which will probably cost on the order of 200K. The solar project moved forward another step with the final proxy from the Archdiocese. The Hand n' Hand lease is still not signed.

**Building and Grounds:** has not met.

**Communications:** (Tony/Mo) This committee met only twice so far and consequently, it is still largely in a brainstorming phase. Have asked Renee Valois to join the group and we would also like to get a younger person to join (we lost Katlyn when she moved away this past summer). We would like to get something on the web site's home page that might encourage people to visit it more regularly. One suggestion was Sue Valois' reflection on the Sunday readings that is already being pushed out to some groups via email. Another idea we are exploring is providing an audio clip of the weekend's Sunday Liturgy for the homebound. A blog was also discussed but would probably require regular supervision and hence might be too labor intensive. Mo also met with Amanda to discuss the plans for the future format of the web site. Decided to put the pew card on hold.

**Strategic Planning Survey:** (Mo) Results of the individual PC member's prioritizations have been summarized and the results sorted by rank. Those of highest rank (1.0 to 1.5) were each briefly examined and in most cases assigned to an existing Parish committee or the staff. This still leaves over half the list to be dealt with.

**Parishioner Comments:** Sandy brought forward a plea from a Lauderdale Boy Scout Troup looking for a new home as their sponsoring organization is closing its doors. We will ask them for more information.

**Father Fitzpatrick's Comments:** The Archdiocese has the New Ulm letter of suitability for Fr Jim, but is still insisting on having the situation examined by the Ministry Review Board. The next meeting of this group is on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. If everything goes well Fr Jim could be back in ministry at the Parish before Fr Fitz returns from the Holy Land. Fr Fitz also summarized the upcoming trip to the Holy Land.

**Adjourned:** ~9:45 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Valois (Secretary).