

Parish Council Minutes
Church of Corpus Christi
Monday, Nov 13th, 2017, 8:14PM

In Attendance: Fr. James Devorak, Jill Klausing (Chair), Mo Boxrud (Vice-Chair), Tony Valois (Secretary), Sandy Banaszak, Jim Colten, Kirk Enzenauer, Judy Plante, Sue Valois (interim staff liaison).

Absent: Betsy Madden, Toni Leach (staff liaison).

Visitors: none.

Prayer (Fr. Jim).

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of September Minutes: approved as is.

Presentation by staff of St. Therese: before the regular agenda items of the Parish Council two members of the staff of the Saint Therese hospice and palliative care organization made a presentation about their organization, mission and potential partnership with the Parish. St. Therese was invited to make this introductory presentation because of the interest within our Parish about the current partnership between St Therese and our neighboring Parish of St. Odilia in Shoreview. The presentation took about 45 minutes and St Therese passed out informational materials to those present. In addition to the Parish Council there were a number of members of other Parish committees at the presentation. At this point the dialog is very preliminary but Parish Council decided to continue to explore this possible collaboration.

Committee Reports: Note: because of a delay while pictures were being taken and the presentation by St. Therese these reports were kept brief and discussion was held to a minimum.

Social Justice: (Kirk) Nine armloads of coats were collected. This success has led to planning a similar collection of coats for a local halfway house. The Giving Garden was a great success this year with a final total of 7225lb of produce. The Global Potluck was also a success with 85 in attendance. The committee is currently planning events for Lent. Upcoming events: the giving tree.

Pastoral Care: (Mo) Has not met. Concern was expressed that the current workload is going to burn out our volunteers unless we can find more people to share the burden. It was noted that this is a fairly easy activity for people to enter requiring minimal preparation or prior experience. In the future we should emphasize this when soliciting new volunteers for this ministry.

Faith Formation: (Sandy) Has not met. Sandy has been working at getting this going.

Liturgy: (Judy) Advent is planned and preparation for Advent and Christmas are proceeding. A new worship aid was created for this season with some new music and better organization. The first of the "Love of the Liturgy" segments will be presented to the Parish for the beginning of Advent. There will be more of these segments created as the Liturgy Committee continues to review and process the results of the All Liturgical Ministers Workshop.

Finance: (Mo) nothing significant to report on the budget. Bruce Weber has stepped forward to join the committee. The sidewalk project moved forward with the new cement laid for the main entrance of the church, but we still need to address the sidewalk between the Parish Center and the Church. It was suggested that it might be a time to do a major fundraiser since with the exception of the youth programs it has been quite a while. These fundraisers benefit the Parish both financially and simultaneously build community.

Building and Grounds: has not met.

Communications Action Committee: (Mo/Tony) The last meeting focused on the Parish website. Have a goal to get some major updates done to the website by the first of December (that is, essentially have them done for

Advent), but that will depend of a number of factors coming together. The CAC has approval to add items to the website that are of standard public fare without first checking in for approval. One item the CAC asked the Parish Council to consider is publishing these PC minutes more promptly so they can act as another 'newsletter' for the Parish. The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea and Tony will put together a mechanism where they can be approved online, perhaps by a combination of email and something like a Doodle from doodle.com. Once Tony sends out the draft of the minutes the PC members will have 72 hours to respond with amendments. After 72 hours if a consensus exists (a simple majority) Tony will upload a PDF of the minutes to the Parish web site. If amendments are made Tony will decide if they are significant enough to require an additional round of approval.

Strategic Planning Survey: (Mo) deferred because it is already getting quite late in the evening and this will likely take a bit of time. However, in order for the PC to jump quickly into this next month we should all look carefully at the email documents from Mo and think about it beforehand.

Boy Scout Sponsorship discussion: (Sandy) The Lauderdale Troup is now out of their old meeting place and is urgently looking for a new location. Sandy has checked in with St Rose and there is no problem over there, and indeed, they could see potential useful interaction with another Troup located at the Parish. Fr. Jim will facilitate this.

Father Devorak's Comments: He is still early in the process of learning about the operation of the Parish but has already identified a number of issues to get to work on as the "Point Man" under Fr. Fitz. He expressed his gratitude to the Parish and his eagerness to be of service.

Adjourned: 9:43 PM.

Next Meeting: Dec 11th.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Valois (Secretary).