

Parish Council Minutes
Church of Corpus Christi
Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:02 PM, Gathering Space

Members Present: Fr. Marc Paveglio, Maureen Boxrud (Chair), Sandy Banaszak (Vice-Chair), JoAnn Winter, Jim Colten, Tony Valois, Alisa Weber, Kirk Enzenauer, Toni Leach (Staff Liaison)

Guests Present: Sue Valois (staff) and Luke Burza (potential council member)

Absent: Candace Logeais (Secretary)

Maureen began the meeting at 7 pm with prayer.

Update on Committee/Team communication process: Maureen Connelly sent out the email today with the link to the Google Doc for all groups to upload their summaries each month. Father Paveglio has asked her to save the posts to keep a permanent record as we had asked each group to delete their previous posts when they add new ones.

Capital Campaign Update: St Rose is moving forward with their Capital Campaign. Father Paveglio decided with the Finance Council that Corpus Christi will not hold a campaign until 2020 at the earliest. Meeting on April 9th to meet with the outside fundraiser is cancelled. Our top three priorities can be funded with our existing funds. Priority one is the roof. A \$10,000 to \$15,000 stop-gap measure is being pursued. Priority Two is the AC. After receiving three bids we are going ahead with this repair. Priority three is renovating the school for the staff to move offices.

Parishioner Feedback/concerns we are hearing

1. Concern about the leaking roof. Response: Its being fixed.
2. Sunday School changes: Response: Attend the meeting on Thursday night. Father Paveglio will attend.
3. Staff time being used for both our parish and St Rose, such as Sue Valois scheduling priests for both parishes and Colleen being responsible for Young Adult ministry for both parishes. Response: We need to collaborate; Father Paveglio will discuss with staff at meeting on Thursday
4. Wishing to see Father Paveglio at 6 pm Mass more often: Response: We need to adapt to the reality that he cannot do four Masses each weekend.

Decided that bringing Parishioner Feedback to the Council and Pastor is important and this should be included each month on the agenda.

Structure of the Parish Council

1. Is our current process for appointing and forming PC members sufficient? Discernment vs. Election
Current process is in our bylaws and would need to be rewritten if revised. Discernment takes more time; works well in large parishes where people don't know everyone and is a good way to identify individuals' gifts and what gifts are needed on the council. Currently we are not spending much time on prayer or formation. Would need to add more time to our meetings or meet for additional retreat time

if we wish to do this. Some in group were interested in this. Some were concerned about the time element involved.

2. Do Council Members, staff and pastor understand their respective roles? Do parishioners understand how these groups interact?
3. How can the PC help discern the direction of the parish over the next 1-3-5 years? Strategic planning is one way to do this.
4. Decrease the number of members and length of terms? One-year terms allow for youth and young adults and others who want to test the waters and see if this is going to work for them. For others a three-year term allows for some learning before they move into a more active leadership role on the council. The one and three-year combinations also help with continuity as the whole group is not new every year. Often those serving in one-year roles recommit to a three-year term and end up serving for four years.

Parish Council will look at bylaws and revisit this at our next meeting as we need to begin to prepare for recruiting for next year.

Corpus Christi/St Rose Parish Collaborations

1. Website: Tony Valois will add a line under Father Paveglio's bio indicating that he is pastor of both our parish and St. Rose of Lima to inform website visitors that we are a clustered parish.
2. Shared Bulletin: Advantages of this: Show that we are collaborating; parishioners will learn what is going on in both parishes without picking up two bulletins, will not have to look around to find their own parish bulletin at the other parish. Disadvantages of this: Currently bulletin is paid for by advertisers so cost savings would be minimal unless we cut staff as we both have staff time allotted to doing the bulletin. We currently have a contract with LPI so we would need to look at this before changing. Some parishioners may see this as moving towards a merger; some may be confused as to where events are happening. Maureen will bring samples of shared bulletins to next meeting so show the possibilities. If we do try this we need to have Father announce in advance that it is a trial to see how it works out and get feedback.
3. Date for next combined meeting: Father Paveglio and the two Parish Council Chairs will determine this.

Pastor's Update

1. Three new Finance Committee members have been officially named. They are Jon Heyer, Keith Hug, and Linda Koran.
2. CT North Suburbs is doing a program called Points of Light. Terri Heyer and the CAT team are working with Father Paveglio to prepare a five-minute script which will be recorded and aired. Great opportunity for evangelization and outreach.
3. Father Paveglio will be at the Sunday School listening session on Thursday at 8 pm. There are no deadlines or mandates at this point. This will be an opportunity for him and Colleen Ciaccio to listen before moving forward. BAT meeting is at 6:30 pm on Thursday night as well.

Closing Prayer led by Father Paveglio

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm