

**Corpus Christi Parish
Parish Council Meeting
November 21st, 2023**

In Attendance: Greg Derner, Jen Derickson, David Hill, Mike Kraus, Chris Stuhldreher, Laurie Wiley, Marvin Winkeler, Annette Whitaker

Ex-Officio in Attendance: Neil Jansen, Michele Stroot; Fr. Paul Wienhoff

Excused: Bill Krouse, Sarah Gass, Derrick Lebryk, Sheila Haar-Siegel

Ex-Officio Excused:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. with Fr. Paul leading the Council in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting: No corrections noted. Greg Derner motioned for acceptance, seconded by Chris Stuhldreher. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Finance Council met November 19th. As of 10/31, revenues are up slightly, and expenses are down slightly. A \$28,000 deficit is still projected for the year. CD's are still strong and our cash position is good. Will be conducting another set of pulpit talks after the 1st of the year. Chicken dinner served 734 netting \$9,700. The raffle netted \$3,400.

LITURGICAL – no meeting held.

Advent – A flyer is coming out with all the upcoming events.

Immaculate Conception will have 7 PM Mass at Corpus Christi on Dec. 7th and 12:10 P.M. Mass on the 8th at St. Joseph.

Penance service will be on December 11th.

“Hanging of the Greens” is on Monday, December 18th.

Christmas Schedule - With Christmas falling on Monday (and New Years), there will be a 3 PM (CC), 5 PM (SJ) and 10 PM (CC) Masses on Christmas Eve. Only a 9 AM Mass on Christmas Day (CC). New Year's Holy Day falls out this year but will have a 9 AM Mass at Corpus Christi.

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

Christmas party for the Finance, Liturgy, and Parish Councils and the staff will be December 19th at 6:30 P.M. Mouse Races are set for March 9th, 2024.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Fall grounds clean-up day on October 14th went rather well with a small work crew. Also, that day the Parish Center kitchen was thoroughly cleaned. Thanks to ALL who pitched in. Greg Derner will be assessing costs and manpower to replace mulch in strategic places with rock.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Joseph House averaging 75-85 students weekly. 200 different students have attended at one time or another. Lower attendance just before Thanksgiving as some students had already left for the Holiday.

Luke 18 has a couple of high school students involved and some St. Clare 8th graders registered. Some of our high school students are registering for SEEK24 in St. Louis.

Boxes of Joy – joint project with Ladies Club and youth went well. 124 boxes packed and sent. Unfortunately, there was limited youth involvement.

COMMUNICATION – No report.

EDUCATION

PSR –

1st Reconciliation/Communion – 6 PSR students. 7th student will work with Holy Trinity. 1st Reconciliation is February 19th at 6:30 P.M. at St. Joseph.

Adult Faith Formation – nothing new.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – averaging 8 to 15 children weekly. Going well.

Confirmation – 4 students (2 St. Clare and 2 St. Teresa) have been participating in Children’s Mass. The two St. Clare students will be confirmed on Tuesday, Jan. 30th with St. Nicholas Church.

Teaching Manuals- Have obtained one set free for the Loyola Press “Finding God” series that we switch to next year (listed at \$64 each). 2nd set will be needed.

Fundraiser – Ladies Night Out made \$1,055 for the PSR program.

Child Protection – Children’s component Sunday, February 18th.

Catholic School Mass – Sunday, January 28th, at 9 AM Mass.

OUTREACH – Talk of possibly doing another Parish Directory. Jen Derickson will re-check on details of who even does them and the costs, etc.

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership Picnic in the Park had a good (140-150) attendance. Mass went well. First year of kid’s games was well-received as well as the band.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Have a request to waive the hall rental fee for a Select Athletic team. Fee is \$400. Consensus of the Council was not to waive the fee for this event.

ROUND THE TABLE

- Jen Derickson suggested a BAGS tournament as a possible Parish Fund Raiser.
- Marvin Winkeler asked the question that, if the Club attempted a fund-raiser for Our Brothers Keeper, would there be any concerns about conflicts with other Parish fundraisers. The Council was supportive of such an event and had no concerns.
- Dave Hill reported the St. Clare OPEN HOUSE will be on Sunday, January 28th, the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. He also mentioned that enrollment is a capacity and those wishing to attend need to apply promptly. A waiting list is in existence.
- Neil Jansen announced that the Holiday Hilltop for December 9th is progressing well. He also suggested a possible fund-raising idea – a CHILI sale on Super Bowl Sunday.
- Previous fund-raising event suggestions:
 - Scrapbook event (Laurie Wiley)
 - Breakfast with Santa (Laurie Wiley)
 - Food truck event
 - Pickleball court rental in our “gym” (Neil Jansen)
 - Increase hall rental to public (Annette Whitaker)
 - Increased Stewardship (Mike Kraus, Marvin Winkeler)
 - Glow Bingo (Sarah Gass at last meeting)

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Paul at 8:22 P. M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, at 7 P.M.