

**Corpus Christi Parish**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**July 18th, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Sarah Gass, David Hill, Mike Kraus, Bill Krouse, Derrick Lebryk, Sheila Haar-Siegel, Laurie Wiley, Marvin Winkeler

**Ex-Officio in Attendance:** Michele Stroot; Fr. Paul Wienhoff

**Excused:** Jen Derickson; Greg Derner

**Ex-Officio Excused:** Neil Jansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. with Bill Krouse leading the Council in prayer.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Michele noted that the May 6<sup>th</sup> reception had 25 “persons” not graduates in attendance. Dave Hill motioned for approval as corrected. Laurie Wiley seconded. Motion carried.

**Finance**

Finance meeting was held prior to June financials being available. The Parish is running a \$2,000 a week deficit. The budget is being scrutinized. A guess is that about 1/3 of donors are using online giving. It was mentioned that Dave Hill will be added to the Finance Council. The outstanding building loan will be paid off this year. A letter will be mailed to a select few who still have capital campaign money outstanding. With the building loan being paid off, this will increase the amount of Diocesan tax we will owe (which was forgiven on the amount of the payments made to the loan).

The council felt we needed more than the Chicken Dinner and the Mouse Races to attack the collection deficit. Several ideas were kicked around; but the group tabled the idea and challenged each member to think of some additional fundraising ideas to bring to the next council meeting.

**Liturgical**

**Holy Week** went well. No issues with **First Communion**. **Graduation Mass and Celebration** ran into conflicts with proms. Will look closer next year. **Prayer Hour for Vocations** attendance down for summer. May need to readvertise. **RCIA** – looking for team members and candidates. Brenda Bishop is attending a conference for RCIA.

**Fall Adult Education** – Diane Diekemper heading a small organizational group. She will be in touch with Teresa Rogers at St. Joseph. Looking at a couple of Genesis books. Beginning to start reaching out and leaning toward a small group format.

Assumption will not have 8 AM Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup>. **PSR** begins Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi. St. Joseph – TBD. **First Communion** dates – Corpus Christi – Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>; St. Joseph – April 14<sup>th</sup> (week later due to timing of Easter).

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** starts at Corpus on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. All 5 teacher are returning. Blessing of backpacks and laptops will be the same weekend.

**Time, Talent & Treasure weekend** is August 26/27.

**Parish Partnership Mass in the Park** – September 24<sup>th</sup> (Priesthood Sunday). 4:30 PM Mass will be held on Saturday but only this Mass at 10:30 AM on Sunday will be held. A planning committee has been established and Michele Stroot is setting up a meeting date. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee should contact Michele.

**Blessing of Pets** – October 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph with an outdoor Mass. St. Joseph Fall Festival is Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion about dates after October have been looked at and the challenges has been identified as far as scheduling, conflicts, personnel availability.

## **Pastoral/Social**

No report.

## **Building and Grounds**

Carpets in Grootens and the Parish offices are being cleaned on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Kitchen cleaning still outstanding. Baseboard replacement work in the Parish center is 75% complete. Power washing coordination is in progress.

**Youth Ministry** – Joseph House resumes Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with a BBQ Picnic with St. Joseph taking the lead on the food. Sharon Sullivan will be the Corpus Christi representative and Peg Buechele will assume the spot held by Donna Weil.

Another effort will be made at restarting a Youth Group.

**Communication** – No report.

## **Education**

- **PSR** – Advertising for next school year begun. Resumes Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. Diocese has rolled out new lists of approved textbooks and neither Parish's current books are on the list. Options being reviewed. New books will be piloted in the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.
- **Adult Faith Formation** – Online advertising begun. Street signs at both churches seeking leaders and candidates.

**Outreach** – No report.

## **Partnership Plan**

- Picnic in the Park – September 24<sup>th</sup>,

**Old Business** – AED updated in church (\$400). The Trivia night scheduled for last weekend of September will focus proceeds on purchasing an additional AED for the Parish Center.

## **New Business** –

- Partnership Mass already discussed.

## **Round the Table**

- Laurie Wiley inquired about any outstanding building projects that needed addressing that might be tagged onto the end of the Capital Campaign (ending this year). She also challenged each Council member to come up with a fundraising idea to help offset deficit.
- Sarah Gass shared that something different might be "Glow Bingo" which has been reasonably successful at other locations.
- Michele Stroot indicated that the Rummage Sale is September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Hill reported that there will be no tuition increase at St. Clare School this year due to the great fund-raising success. The dinner/auction was exceptionally successful.

Bill Krouse then entertained a motion for adjournment by Marvin Winkeler and 2nded by Sarah Gass.

**Closing prayer:** Led by Bill Krouse at 756 P. M.

**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at 7 P.M.** at Grooten's Hall.