

Corpus Christi Parish
Parish Council Meeting
May 16th, 2023

In Attendance: Jen Derickson, Greg Derner, David Hill, Mike Kraus, Bill Krouse, Laurie Wiley, Marvin Winkeler

Ex-Officio in Attendance: Michele Stroot

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

Ex-Officio Excused: Fr. Paul Wienhoff; Neil Jansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. with Bill Krouse the Council in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting: Greg Derner for approval and seconded by Mike Kraus. Motion carried.

Finance

No Finance meeting since last Council meeting. Financials have not been reviewed so there it is unclear if donations are up or down for March and April. Michele Stroot reported that the Mouse Races netted \$5,526.

Liturgical

No meeting. The general consensus was that the Easter Triduum went well with nice participation from both Parishes. The Soup Supper on Holy Thursday was good with lots of excellent soups.

Pastoral/Social

- **Confirmation** – There will be a reception following the Confirmation (May 19th).
- **St. Joseph House** – Sharon Sullivan was presented with a recognition plaque to Corpus Christi from McKendree which is on display in the gathering space of the Church.
- **Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary** – On June 3rd, Fr. Paul's 45th Anniversary of Ordination, there will be a cookies and drinks reception after 4:30 P.M Mass at Corpus; there will be doughnuts served after 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph. There are spiritual bouquet cards available in the pews for each parishioner to fill out for presentation to Father. Father was also amenable to gasoline cards as gifts.

Building and Grounds

Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 22nd at 8 AM. Greg Derner reported that 19 yards of mulch was put down. Big thanks to Jim Vernier whose crew provided machinery which expedited the process. Mike Kraus is still owning the completion of power washing. He is looking to hire someone to finish the project due to his own time constraints. Grooten's Hall and Parish office carpets will be professionally cleaned. Have one \$750 bid. Also working on replacing the baseboard in the Parish Center. Hoping to schedule a time to thoroughly clean the Parish Hall kitchen after the chicken dinner.

Youth Ministry - May 6th reception held with 25 graduates in attendance. Ran into conflicts with proms at a couple of the high schools. Unfortunately, with confirmation on May 19th, options were limited on picking a date. An advertisement acknowledging them was in the Messenger and bulletin. A \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble was presented to each one.

An addendum report on Joseph House was provided. Each parish participated by alternating weeks in handling the food and manning the kitchen. Both the women's and men's clubs have assisted. 120

different students were served, averaging 46 students a week, representing over 24 different countries. Gatherings will resume with the start of the next school year.

Communication – Jen Derickson has volunteered for this position. She has had some discussions with Father. Currently formulating ideas. A new Parish Directory was brought up as being a potential project.

Education

- **PSR** –
 - Classes complete for the year. Will resume Sunday, August 20th. 5th/6th grade teacher needed as format is changing to Sunday mornings.
 - Diocese is reviewing textbook recommendations.
- **Confirmation**
 - Practice – Wednesday, May 17th 7 P.M.
 - Confirmation – May 19th 7 PM. Reception to follow Mass. Will be live-streamed. No confirmation class next year.
- **1st Communion** Per an early survey, the 2nd grade PSR class will be larger with potential of three 3rd graders wanting to participate in sacramental prep. Teacher additions and location are being evaluated.
- **Children’s Liturgy of Word** – Complete for the year. Will begin on Sunday, August 20th.
- **Adult Faith Formation** – Online advertising begun. Considering a street sign asking the question: “Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?”

Outreach – No report. Jen Derickson has volunteered for this position as well.

Partnership Plan

- Father expressed gratitude for the good working relationship between the Parishes as witnessed by the Holy Week planning/services.

Old Business – 35 raffle tickets outstanding. Considering other methods to purchase tickets (i.e., online).

New Business –

- The AEDs are being updated (\$416).
- There are two ladies who will be co-chairing a trivia night fundraiser for the parish on the last weekend of September.
- Chicken Dinner – Spring dinner proceeds were down compared to Fall. However, there were also more expenses in terms of oil purchases, for example. Net income = \$8,308. Pleased with new supplies vendor.

Round the Table

- Greg Derner shared that the Men’s club is doing well. 10-12 regularly in attendance.
- 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 Jen Derickson and 2nded by Jen Derickson.

Closing prayer: Led by Bill Krouse at 8:10 P. M.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, at 7 P.M.** at Grooten’s Hall.