

Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017

In attendance were: Diane Arnold, John Bridges, Linda Calandrella, Darcy Duncan, Fran Kearney, Sue Kohmann, Terry Lingrel, Susan Middleton, David Montano, Father Chris, Dave Obenauf, John, Olberding, Amy Perdreauxville, Carol Poirier, Janet Reff, Marge Schaefer, Terry Sonnleitner, Bettyrose Schwier-Hetzel, Ceil Woodruff and Henry Zipf.

Bettyrose opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance.

New Council members John, David, Janet, Dave and John were introduced. The Council then enjoyed a Pot Luck dinner arranged by Carol.

There followed an extended discussion of the creation of a parish security plan. The diocesan plan can serve as a guideline, but it is hoped our plan would encompass safety for the staff and emergency treatment for parishioners who fall ill during services as well as the goals stated by the diocese. It was decided to establish a Crisis Management Task Force. Father Chris asked John Olberding to head the Task Force. They will meet on how to proceed, and report at our next meeting. The church has defibrillators for use in case of an emergency, but Henry confirmed there has not been a training session in their use in four years. There is a parishioner who is willing to train ushers and anyone else interested. This will be on the agenda of a future meeting.

Amy will arrange for the annual Council Retreat. This will be held on Sunday, April 2nd from 1 to 4 PM. This will be a time for spiritual reflection, planning the coming year and selection of officers.

Parishioners Brian and Karen McKenna reported on the progress of the Parish Photo Directory. There will be three photo sessions beginning in the Fall. Sessions will be held Tuesday (12:30 PM to 8 PM) through Saturday (9 AM to 4 PM). Dates of the sessions are October 10th to 14th of this year, and January 2nd to 6th and March 27th to 31st of 2018. Council members have been asked to help during the sessions. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

The question of whether, in addition to the Alpha Program, there are other avenues of Adult Faith Formation currently being considered. Father Chris noted there will be a Parish Mission, consideration of the Gospel of Matthew and an open discussion of topics to be determined during Lent. It was suggested that Deacon Mark give the Council an update on the Alpha Program at a future meeting.

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Fran reported a tentative date of Saturday, May 6th had been set for Kelli Donley Williams to give a presentation on suicide prevention to the parish. Fran has agreed to remain the contact for Kelli, but asked that a new contact person be selected within the next month. [An e-mail from Fran on March 1st confirmed the time (10 AM) and date of the presentation]. The contact person will also need to work on publicizing the talk.

Council members signed up to participate in Listening Weekend. Father Chris relayed a staff suggestion that the members have a table and a sign to make their presence more evident. Bettyrose reported a parishioner had concerns about the follow-up to Phase III of the building campaign. John Bridges responded the Finance Committee is formulating preliminary post-III plans. Carol opined it is important for members to be present at the monthly pancake breakfasts. Members read the comments from the Suggestion Box. Carol will reply to the young man who had questions about the number of seats in the church; Ceil will reply to the suggestion about recognizing birthdays and anniversaries at Mass; and, Janet will reply to the concerns about the Sign of Peace at Mass. Bettyrose will write a bulletin blurb asking parishioners to respect parishioners who wish no physical contact during the Sign. The staff has replied to the concerns of a parishioner who had questions about reporting financial information in the bulletin.

Sue Kohmann presented members with a handout of notes from the Diocesan Corporation Board Convocation held February 25th.

Open comments centered on welcoming the new Council members and thanking those departing for their work. Linda extended kudos to the Landscape Ministry for their amazing work. Tom Hanlon and Erin Blanchette did a presentation last Sunday on Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries, church position on cremation, and end-of-life issues. They thanked Fr. Chris for the invitation and want to come back yearly. The Seniors Ministry, established as one of our PPC priorities as a result of the survey, held its first meeting with 14 present. Will continue to meet monthly. Linda will continue to work with the group until established and standing on their own while still keeping the essence of what PPC saw as their mission.

The Council Retreat will be on Sunday, April 2nd from 1 PM to 4 PM.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th at 5 PM.

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