



CORPUS CHRISTI  
PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Attendees: Voting Members:**

Bill Cashin  
Valerie Coffey  
Brian Duemling  
Kelly Falcone  
Cristin McKenna  
Alexandra Rigal

**Ex Officio Members:**

Fr. Kevin Corcoran  
Fr. Michael Szwarc  
Carol Scala (Corpus Christi Business Manager)  
Bobbie Veeder (Corpus Christi Board of Trustees)  
Brigette Vohden (Corpus Christi DRE)

**Ex Officio members not present:**

Msgr. Jim Mahoney  
Mark Kapsky (Board of Trustees)

**Voting member not present:**

Paul Landolfe

**Call to Order:** 9:30 AM - Kelly

**Opening Prayer:** Alex

**Review/Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** Kelly presented minutes. Brian moved to approve, Alex seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

**Group Agreements - Kelly**

- Review/discuss proposed group agreements (see attached document). Kelly stated that electronics off is not possible given various family obligations i.e. sick or aged parents. Fr. Michael suggested “silent mode” on phones instead of “off.” This will be changed in the Group Agreement document.

**Update on What's Coming for the Parish:** Fr. Kevin shared his observation that the Christmas Eve 3pm mass, a time we have not had Christmas mass in the past, had many attendees and next year two masses will be offered at 3 pm. He sees more people in person at mass and is hoping for more. Fr. Michael explained that number of online viewers is hard to accurately estimate due to technical limitations. There is no precise way to determine how long they watch online. Fr Kevin reported that we have more volunteers for Eucharistic ministers and lectors. May 7 will be Fr. Mahoney's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a celebration is being planned. Our seminarian, Joseph DeMarzo, will be becoming a deacon and his first mass is May 21 at Corpus Christi at 11AM. Our annual carnival is scheduled for June 1-3.

### **Five Year Vision for Corpus Christi: Kelly**

- Council members share their thoughts/ideas

Kelly recapped an email from Mark who could not attend. Multiple members suggested the following: increasing attendance at mass, supporting people at various stages of life including grief groups, transition from staff led activities to parishioner led event organization. For parishioners who want to volunteer but are concerned that they may not be able to take on multiple volunteer obligations a "one time" volunteer for various events can be encouraged. We could ask all parishioners to try to volunteer for "one event" per year if they can't do more. Community building activities such as book clubs, more social events like Oktoberfest, and an increase in summer activities to continue engagement were also suggested.

### **Short and Long Term Projects Discussion: Kelly**

*Council Members share their ideas on:*

- How to increase engagement (with current parishioners)
- Ways to engage with the larger (outside) community
- Key takeaways from parish survey

Father Kevin explained that there is approximately over \$400K of capital expenses upcoming for the following items: replace church roof and atrium windows, brick repairs in various locations in the church, landscaping at the back entrance. He will be using money from the church's savings for these capital expenses. Carol explained that this will deplete about 75% of the bequests that we received last year. This represents a reduction in the parish accounts of approximately 50%. Members discussed the parish's extant presence on social media including TapInto media service, Facebook, Instagram. Ways to get feedback from parishioners on their needs and suggestions includes continued reflection on the results of the parish survey and a whiteboard outside mass.

### **Subcommittees Next Steps - Kelly**

- *Selection Committee, Chaired by Brian Duemling. Members include Alexandra Rigal and Paul Landolfé*
  - Initial meeting by the end of February. This was scheduled for Feb 1 at 7:30 pm via zoom.
  - Develop guidelines and nomination form draft/submit to Fr. Kevin by early March
  - Present completed documents for vote at council meeting in March

The process for Parish Council Membership addition and turnover was discussed and will be part of the Selection Committee. Plan is to add more members and also to have staggered membership so there is continuity and knowledge carryover from year to year. *Note: Dates for guidelines and other documents fluid as subcommittee meets and determines feasible timelines.*

- *Bylaws Committee, Chaired by Kelly Falcone, Members include Bill Cashin and Val Coffey*
  - Initial meeting by the end of February
  - Submit an updated draft of bylaws to Fr. Kevin prior to the March council meeting (\*\*selection of new members section pending approved selection committee guidelines).

Draft of the bylaws has already been made. The committee will continue to refine it.

**Conclusions:** Kelly

**Closing Prayer:** Valerie

***Next Meeting: Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>.***

***(This year's recording secretary, Cristin McKenna, cannot attend. Valerie Coffey will assist with taking notes for the minutes at the March 18 meeting).***