



CORPUS CHRISTI  
PARISH COMMUNITY

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

**Attendees:**

Voting Members:

Bill Cashin  
Valerie Coffey  
Kelly Falcone  
Paul Landolfe  
Laura Otten  
Alexandra Rigal  
Lauren Rigal

Ex Officio Members:

Fr. Kevin Corcoran  
Msgr. Jim Mahoney  
Fr. Kamil Kiszka  
Brigette Vohden (DRE)  
Mark Kapsky (Trustee)

Ex Officio members not present:

Carol Scala (Business Manager)  
Bobbie Veeder (Trustee)

Voting member not present:

Cristin McKenna

**Opening Prayer:** Lauren Rigal

**Review/Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Kelly Falcone

Kelly presented the minutes, Val moved to approve, Alexandra seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Welcome New Council Members Laura and Lauren:** Kelly Falcone

**Update on What's Coming for the Parish:** Fr. Kevin

Fr Kevin outlined the status of the church capital improvements and Christmas collection :

- Roof work is completed over the church. We are collecting bids for replacing the flat roof over the office area. Target date for work to begin in the first week of June 2024.

- Brick work and tubing/water run work off partially complete.
- Christmas went well, 3:00 and 4:30 PM masses in particular very well attended.
- Many young families and parishioners/community that haven't been here in a while in attendance.
- Christmas collection was up versus last year.
- Parish staff is now focused on gearing up for Lent.

#### **Proposed Changes to Council Bylaws: Kelly Falcone**

- Kelly proposed eliminating the word "Pastoral" from descriptions about the Council in the Bylaws, the website, and other documents to make things more consistent and clearer to parishioners. The vote was unanimous to make this change. We will be referred to moving forward as the "Parish Council."
- Kelly presented rationale for changing Parish Council voting member terms from a 2-year term to a 3-year term, including the ability of Council members to serve in 2-year leadership positions of Vice Chairperson and Recorder, and to facilitate staggered terms so the Council will always have some experienced members serving alongside new ones. High School students will have the option to serve a 2-year term. The Council discussed, and unanimously voted to adopt this change.

#### **Leadership Roles Election: Vice Chairperson and Recorder: Kelly Falcone**

- Kelly advised the Council that Brian (Co-Chairperson) and Cristin (Recorder) would be completing their 2-year terms this May in these leadership positions on the Council.
- Descriptions of these positions were provided to the Council members.
- Nominations for these positions will take place at the next meeting in March, and the Council will vote to elect members to these positions at the May meeting.

#### **New Member Selection Process Update: Brian Duemling**

- Brian shared specific feedback from candidates from the Fall 2023 selection process.
- Most of the feedback was very positive, and the process was generally clear to candidates.
- Brian shared a proposed schedule for Spring nominations/selection process.
- Kelly will be serving a 3-year term as Chairperson per the Bylaws. Five additional original members of the Council (Bill, Paul, Brian, Cristin, and Val) have agreed to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the Council to help with continuity.
- The Council plans to select three (3) new members this spring to serve from September 2024-June 2027. This would bring the total number of voting members on the Council to eleven (11) this Fall, which is the maximum number according to our Bylaws.
- Kelly introduced a discussion about changing the Bylaws to include self-nomination for Council positions by parishioners. The Council decided to table this discussion/potential change until next year.

#### **Review December Meeting Survey Results/Recommendation : Kelly Falcone**

Kelly reviewed some of the key points from the December meeting discussion about the Parish survey results:

- Continue to increase the visibility of the Council and direct engagement with Parishioners:
  - "witness talks" during spring new member selection process

- Kelly asked for volunteers to help in drafting a brief description/talking points about the Council for members to use when engaging with Parishioners.

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- Communication: coordinate and streamline information
  - Fr. Kevin mentioned we are looking into changing Bulletin companies, and are also in process of making changes to the website.
- Outreach: To Parishioners with younger families, Parishioners not consistently active, community members not yet Parishioners.
  - Fr Kevin mentioned that our new Bereavement Group that just started is now up to 7-8 members.
- Paul asked about the Synod on Synodality instituted by Pope Francis, and Fr. Kevin, Fr. Kamil, and Msgr Mahoney shared their knowledge and perspectives.

**Group Share/Self Formation :** Kelly Falcone

- Council members shared some of their thoughts on strengths/weaknesses of the Parish this year, and their personal plans to grow in their own faith
- Kelly shared that The Chosen discussion series will be back starting at the end of January.

**Closing Prayer:** Laura Otten

**Next Meeting:** Saturday March 16th at 9:30 AM

***Remaining Schedule for 2023/24 Year:***

- Saturday March 16, 2024
- Saturday May 18, 2024