

Corpus Christi Council/Finance Joint Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017
6:30pm Parish Office Bldg./Multi-Purpose Room

Council Members Present: Brenda Bow, Chris Cossin, Autumn Dabrowski, Rita Fortin (alternate), Jennifer Klenk, Sharon Pagryzinski, Debby Schingeck, Tim Slezak, and Pete Steyer.

Council Members Absent: Bob Campbell, Bailey Houle (youth rep.) Chip Matuszewski, and Nick Wagner

Ex Officio Members Present: Mary Dierich, Fr. Bob Kelm, and Sr. Joann Plumpe

Ex Officio Members Absent: None

Finance Members Present: Mike Slezak, Bob Klenk, Nick Meyers, Betty Behmlander, Pete Kirchman, Mike Alarie, Jim Stewart, Chuck Stromer, and Karen Polega

Also Present: Darlene Labean (Corpus Christi Athletic Association)

1. Call to Order by Chair Chris Cossin at 6:35

2. **Meditation:** Rita Fortin, Venerable Solanus Casey Prayer

3. **Athletic Association Report:** Successful Bazaar. May be purchasing approximately 15 new tables for Parish Center. Approved to get rid of Boy Scout trailer. They are getting bids on new fryers. The next meeting is November 19.

4. **Approval of Parish Council Minutes and Finance Minutes:** Both approved no changes

5. **Finance:**

a. **Review Monthly Finances:** Looked at handouts and brief discussion of numbers.

b. **Present Year End Financial Statement to Parish:** There is negative balance of 66,552.81. Spent \$28,152.12 on St. Hedwig Rectory at beginning of year. The insert was put in the bulletin with a brief explanation.

c. **Progress on Altar/choir railing:** Fr. Bob showed us pictures from the contractor. There will be handrails going down the steps. We discussed using a different color carpeting on the middle step.

d. **Review year total expenses of St. Hedwig:** It is not making any money. We have large expenses like grass mowing and snow removal. St. Hedwig's savings will be gone this year.

e. **St. Hedwig Alarm System:** Verizon can monitor, however a monitor was purchased from Home Depot as a tester. It was installed in the St. Hedwig Church basement. It sends a text when levels are too high. It cost approximately \$250. This serves as a test to see if it should be installed in the rectory.

f. **Sale of St. Hedwig:** The rectory has an approximately \$150,000 value. Fr. Bert's lease is up at the end of the year. He wishes to stay; however, Fr. Bob will have a discussion with him. It could be a possibility to have Fr. Bert have month to month lease. He currently pays \$750 in rent. There is a process that needs to be followed about selling. A letter must be presented to the Bishop and vote must take place with a tally presented to the Bishop. We decided to begin talking to other parishioners about the sale as to not surprise them with an unexpected vote. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting where Finance will discuss and present Parish Council with their decision. A vote will take place at a later date. At the appropriate time a final farewell Mass will take place.

g. **Call Progress for CSA:** There are approximately 250 people on the list. It is going well.

h. **Review October Counts:** The envelope count is 733 households. The counts are going down year to year. Averages: 2014-968 (merger happened), 2015-915, 2016-864, 2017-804.

6. **Information Items:**

a. Advent Penance Service is December 9 at 11:00am. Services were dropped due to lack of attendance. It will be more like a communal type with a service, not just hearing confessions.

b. Christmas Mass schedule:

December 24th, Fourth Sunday in Advent:

8:00 & 10:15am

December 24th, Christmas Eve:

Holy Trinity: 6:00 & 10:00pm

St. Hedwig: 8:00pm

December 25th, Christmas Day:

Holy Trinity: 8:00 & 10:15am

St. Hedwig: 9:00am

c. Parish Picnic dates: June 8-9, 2018

7. Discussion Item:

a. **Review Time and Talent:** about 200 forms have been turned back in. The office staff have begun to go through them. Stewardship was contacted to go through them instead since it is their project. We discussed if it should still be mailed or if it should be placed in a basket during Mass. There should also be more of an effort to be calling those who signed up to be new to a group. The forms could be stuffed in the worship aids. It is about giving our talent back to God. We could still hand out the financial part, just not have it returned.

b. **Ushers:** Still lock doors, sometimes it is forgotten. We are an example for many other parishes.

c. **Tithing:** Has stopped. The last one was in June. It will be paid back, 3% of last month, from July. It will be posted in bulletin. We discussed a new format for bulletin "last month was___, this month is___". It will give people the chance to see who the money will be given to before it is actually given. Karen has a list of charities.

8. **Commission Reports:** Faith Formation, Stewardship, Worship

9. **Stewardship Prayer:** everyone

10. Adjourn at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,
Autumn Dabrowski, Secretary