

**Corpus Christi Parish
Council Meeting
May 13th, 2025**

In Attendance: Bill Krouse, Annette Whitaker, Laurie Wiley, and Marvin Winkeler

Ex-Officio in Attendance: Neil Jansen, Michele Stroot; Fr. Paul Wienhoff

Excused: Jen Derickson, David Hill, Mike Kraus, Derrick Lebryk, Sheila Haar-Siegel, Chris Stuhldreher

Ex-Officio Excused: None

The meeting was called to order by Bill Krouse at 7:05 P.M. with Fr. Paul leading the Council in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting: No corrections noted. Annette Whitaker motioned for approval. Second, by Laurie Wiley. Motion carried.

FINANCE –

- No meeting was held. Will meet in July to draft new budget. April finances show Income is ahead of budget by \$9,000. All solar rebate applications have been filed. 712 chicken dinners sold. Expenses are down due to purchases made in the Fall. Looking at net of \$9270.

LITURGICAL –

- Will meet in September. Everything is okay for now.
- Traveling Chalice continues. Will ask for a volunteer if no one signed up.

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

- Graduation social may not occur due to minimal sign-ups. We have 12 College graduates, eight graduates for both high school and middle school. Will be acknowledged in bulletin, website, and Facebook plus the Messenger.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Need to identify names of people to handle Building/Grounds.
- In need of a volunteer to organize an outdoor clean-up day.
- McKendree students are signed up to assist Parish on August 23rd.
- Light to the stairs on the northeast end of the drive - Annette Whitaker advised a solar multi-directional light would be about \$18 each. Will purchase one to see if adequate coverage.

YOUTH MINISTRY –

- **Youth Group** held a flashlight Easter Egg hunt with nine in attendance. It was a very enjoyable time. Held a Siete de Mayo party and made Mothers' Day gifts. Summer ideas include: a lock in, Holiday World, hiking, BBQ, and outdoor yard games.
- **Joseph House** – Last dinner was on May 5. We served over 3100 meals in 2024-2025. 319 different students served from 24 different countries. McKendree has an intern in need of 2 hours a week for fall semester. She will attend Mass and teach PSR to cover her hours.
- **C3M** – Of the 12 graduates, not all were on the list. Two will be pursuing master's degrees.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

- Card Care Ministry – no report.

COMMUNICATION –

- Interest in a Parish Directory continues. Michelle has lead on a potential photographer we can use with our quest to use the “online” option of a directory. She will share the contact info with Jen Derickson.

EDUCATION-

- Children’s component of Child Protection completed April 6th.
- Nine children between both parishes attended Stations of the Cross.
- Final children’s Mass on May 4th well attended including both school and PSR students.
- Last PSR class was Sunday, May 4th. New PSR registration form is available online and via QR code.
- First Communion saw 3 children partaking in the sacrament. Many family members involved.
- Confirmation- retreat was a success. Will consider using same leader again for future retreats. Fr. Paul officiated on May 4th, 4 PM, at St. Joseph due to Bishop McGovern’s departure. 10 students total. 111 folks in attendance. Appetizer/dessert reception followed.
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word – last class was May 11th (Mother’s Day). 220 kids throughout the year, averaging 7 per class with 2 being the lowest and 13 the highest number of kids per class. Will be adding Tina Wrzek (Warchol) to teaching staff. Restarting probably August 10th, 2 weeks ahead of PSR.
- Adult Faith Formation – looking to do a Marian program in the fall.
- OCIA - One McKendree student inquiring about classes. We have one student working with the Belleville leaders for his study needs.

OUTREACH-

- No report. Some discussion on an Outreach effort to create an invite to parishioners we haven’t seen in a while to the Fall Parish Picnic. Will have Ellen bring a list of non-attendees for the Council to act on the list.

PARTNERSHIP –

- September 21st for Partnership Picnic which should be at Corpus Christi this year. Kickoff meeting will be in July.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Hall Rental – to non-parishioners. There didn’t seem to be enough rental interest to make a blanket statement. The current contract provisions will be reviewed at next meeting and then adjust pricing accordingly. Unable to act as no copy of the contract available for review.
- Pictorial Directory – where do we stand?
- Pavers – 3 already sold toward the five we need to have the company come out.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ROUND THE TABLE

- Trivia night folks want to move from Sept. date. Council’s feeling was that January was best.
- Mouse Races – brought in \$3,855. Looking at March 21, 2026, for next event.
- Trivia 2024 netted \$1,550. Chili/Cookies netted \$1,311.55
- Father reminded everyone of the Synodal Listening session on Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 P.M.

CLOSING PRAYER: Meeting closed with prayer at 8:12 pm. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, at 7 P.M. in the Parish Center.