

**Corpus Christi Parish  
Council Meeting  
March 17th, 2026**

**In Attendance:** Allison Kern, Richard Greiff, Annette Whitaker, Laurie Wiley, and Marvin Winkeler

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

**Excused:** Jen Derickson, David Hill, Derrick Lebryk, Chris Stuhldreher

**Ex-Officio Excused:** None

In the absence of the President and the existing vacancy of Vice President, Marvin Winkeler volunteered to lead the meeting which was opened with prayer led by Fr. Paul at 7:05 PM.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Correction- David Hill was omitted from the attendance roster. Motion for approval by Annette Whitaker; 2nded by Rich Greiff. Motion carried.

**FINANCE**

Finance Council meeting was held two weeks ago. Cash holdings at \$385K which was down a little due to payout of Holiday Hilltop proceeds. Collections are on budget. February had a \$12K deficit but we are still okay. Bottom line, we are on budget. Currently we have \$41K in the building fund.

**LITURGICAL**

- Faith Formation – “Genesis to Jesus” – Tues/Thurs at St. Joseph Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Stations of the Cross – Parish Council 3/20; Fr. Paul or Deacon George – 3/27.
- Penance Service – St. Joseph, Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. About 24 in attendance.
- Holy Week is at Corpus Christi this year.
  - Holy Thursday – Soup supper at 5:30 PM; Mass at 7 PM.
  - Good Friday – Musical Stations at Noon; Passion/Veneration at 3 PM.
  - Easter Vigil – begins 8 PM. 4 OCIA candidates. Egg Hunts follow Easter morning Masses.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communions – April 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 PM Corpus Christi (live streamed). 10:30 AM St. Joseph
- Memorial Day Mass – at St. Joseph cemetery at 9:00 AM. Bring a chair.
- Pentecost is May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.
- Partnership Mass/Picnic – Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph

**PASTORAL/SOCIAL**

- Soup/Salad Holy Thursday dinner at 5:30 PM
- Light refreshments after Easter Vigil.
- Graduation reception – will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> for grads and their families.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

- Squirrels have again invaded Grootens Hall. Temporarily stopped.
- One door of main entrance doors to Parish Center needs attention.
- Marvin will converse with Ellen about getting an overall appraisal of ALL the doors on the Parish center.

**YOUTH MINISTRY –**

- In February, teens made lap blankets for the nursing home.

- On March 9<sup>th</sup>, teens provided food for Joseph House. Meager participation in this event.
- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM at St. Joseph's.
- Movie night in April since both churches with have new Roku 65" TV's (compliments of the Ladies Club).
- Excellent adult base involved in the programs.
- **Joseph House**
  - March 9<sup>th</sup> – Youth group assisted.
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> – 99 students in attendance.
  - Corpus Christi Men's Club will have BBQ for last night on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Bereavement Ministry – Joan Funk has passed who was one of four in this ministry.

### COMMUNICATION –

- New Website platform had increased accesses after initial announcement.
- FLOCKNOTES to be investigated further after Easter. May be a solution for Parish Directory initiative.

### EDUCATION-

- Spring Family Activity Day on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 AM in Grootens.
- Next Children's Mass is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- Last PSR session will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **CLW**- great attendance with 10 children. Last sessions will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- All Catholic school events at church were cancelled including church clean up day.
- 2 new students at Good Shepherd plus 2 kindergarteners, 2 in third grade and one in fifth at St. Clare starting in the Fall.
- **OCIA** – Last Scrutiny is Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM Mass. Mini-retreat and run through on Holy Saturday from 8-9 AM.
- **Adult Faith Formation** – going well at St. Joseph's. Looking at "The Search" from Augustine Institute in Fall. 7-session program. Exploring possible soup supper prior to sessions or some form of potluck. Also exploring alternating between the Parishes. May use alternating facilitators. Definitely in need of facilitators.

### OUTREACH –

- **C3M** – no report.
- **Homebound** – no update.

### PARTNERSHIP –

- Penance Service and combined Triduum.
- Picnic is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph.

### OLD BUSINESS –

- Security speaker is tomorrow night at 7 P.M.
- Using FLOCKNOTES with the Youth Group. Checking on extended usage that might require a website-password.

### NEW BUSINESS –

- **Mouse Races** – 60 attendees. \$3,000 net.
- **Trivia Night** – 13 tables of 8 players. \$2850 net.
- **Chili/cookies** – made \$1,250.

## Round the Table

- Allison Kern is pricing new items for the Church Nativity Set with the Trivia proceeds.
- Michele Stroot noted the new 65" TV from the Ladies Club to be mounted in the small classroom. Also need candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Neil Jansen – will take a Council recommendation to the Finance Council to procure a Credit card in the name of the parish so personal cards aren't used for Parish activities (e.g., Mouse Races, Chicken Dinners, Trivia, etc.)
- Fr. Paul – Installation of new Bishop (Fr. Mullen) will be May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 P.M.
- Marvin Winkeler asked the Council about the vacant and long-time Council positions – specifically Vice President and Building and Grounds. Also, we've had no replacements since the recent resignations. Annette Whitaker volunteered to become the V.P. A review of Council/committee assignments was as follows:
  - Finance – Dave Hill and Chris Stuhldreher
  - Pastoral/Social – Laurie Wiley
  - Building and Maintenance – vacant
  - Youth Ministry – Allison Kern
  - Communication – Jen Derickson
  - Education – Michele Stroot and Derrick Lebryk
  - Outreach – Allison Kern volunteered at the meeting.

All members were charged with identifying potential Council members and bring those names back to the Council for discussion.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Led by Fr. Paul at 8:12 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7 pm in the Parish Center.