

Corpus Christi Parish
Council Meeting
July 21, 2026

In Attendance: David Hill, Allison Kern, Derrick Lebryk, Richard Greiff, Annette Whitaker, Laurie Wiley

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

Excused: Jen Derickson, Chase McAnally Kern, Chris Stuhldreher, Marvin Winkeler

Ex-Officio Excused: None

VP Annette Whitaker began the meeting at 7:06 PM with prayer by Fr Paul Wienhoff.

Minutes of last meeting: Motion for approval by David Hill; 2nded by Derrick Lebryk. Motion carried.

FINANCE

No meeting since last Council meeting. End of Fiscal Year - Cash holdings at \$412,000; CDs - \$158,000 staggered; Liabilities - \$11,000; Loan - \$55,000; Collections just short of budget (\$4,500); Deficit - \$9,000 but debt reduction was above budget at \$66,000 so overall \$55,000 to good

LITURGICAL

- Meeting September 8th
- Blessing of Backpacks – August 15/16; Blessing of Grandparents & Elderly – September 12/13; Catechetical Sunday – September 19/20; Priesthood Sunday – September 26/27
- No holy day for Assumption as the 15th is on Saturday. Added extra rosaries.
- Working on Adult Faith Formation program for the fall.

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

- Nametag Sunday went well on Sunday morning. Not quite as well on Saturday evening. Would like to hold one in the fall. Have asked Men's Club to help with one.
- Partnership Mass & Lunch – Committee has it in hand.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Bids for side doors on Parish Center are in. Philips Interior - \$16,000 includes patching doors frames on exterior closets. Kodiak Equipment Services - \$15,000. Noted that Philips would probably repair any drywall damage at doors and Kodiak bid does not cover patching closet door frames.
- Church A/C has an external fans issue. Issues with board running one of the fans. Need to be repaired prior to winter. It is on the list with Langhauser to repair. No bid yet on cost.
- Jim Vernier pointed out that the caulk on the west side of the church is cracking and 15 years old. Need to replace to protect EFIS. Ask Jim to get a bid.
- Clean day scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd in conjunction with McKendree "Into the Streets"
- Large groundhog/armadillo hole in the gardens. If there is no activity, Greg will fill it in.
- Solar – Ameren tracking shows panels still seem to be working as well as last year. Also, our REC Payment Reconciliation shows we should get somewhat more than originally estimated. We should get a payment of \$31,565.67 after the vendor fee is taken out.

YOUTH MINISTRY –

- The group held a movie night in early July. Five young people and 2 college students attended.

- BBQ & Water Fun scheduled for Friday, August 14th.
- **Joseph House**
 - “Into the Streets” students from McKendree University will be on site to help with clean up on Saturday, August 22nd from 9 am – noon.
 - Opening night for Joseph House will be Monday, August 24th. The Corpus Christi Ladies Club will host the BBQ.
 - Involvement Fair – Wednesday, September 9th – 11 am – 2 pm @ McKendree’s “The Hett” We will be handing out reuseable zippered bags with Joseph House logo. Ladies Club is covering the cost of the bags & materials.
 - Dobbins family is going to provide paper goods & utensils for the start of the year.
- **Card Ministry**
 - The homebound list has been updated recently. Reaching out to 55 plus households.
 - College ministry list has been updated with the new graduates. Cheryl is currently working on addresses.

COMMUNICATION –

- Flocknote has been implemented and appears to be going well. Michele updated email addresses and phone numbers on the list. Still have a few bad emails.
- Parishioners started receiving Flocknote from the Diocese of Belleville within 2 weeks of the switch over.
- As part of outreach, a postcard was sent out for the Partnership Mass & Lunch. It included Mass times and PSR sign up information.

EDUCATION-

- All teachers have returned but we have a need for a couple more teachers due to the 5th/6th grade split off for the coming school year. Chase has volunteered but would need someone to sit with Dorothy and her class in his place. Michele’s niece, Audrey may be interested in helping.
- Classes resume on Sunday, August 30th due to Partnership Mass on the 23rd.
- Letters were sent to all students between 7th – 10th grade who have not been confirmed. Registration in general has started to ramp up. Classes will remain small.
- Letters concerning confirmation have been received from the bishop’s office. Need to submit dates by mid-August. Looking at middle of April for Confirmation.
- **CLW-** Gatherings resumes August 9th. All 5 teachers have returned.
- **OCIA –** A sophomore student has expressed interest and has signed up for PSR. She will do a combined OCIA/PSR program with additional special classes on Baptism/First Communion/First Reconciliation.
- **Adult Faith Formation –** Looking at “The Search” from Augustine Institute in Fall. 7-session program. Looking for 2-3 people to facilitate. Diane Diekemper said she can do a couple if they don’t meet on Mondays or Wednesdays. Thinking Tuesday evenings.

OUTREACH – Partnership Mass & Lunch postcards went out this week.

PARTNERSHIP –

- Partnership Mass & Picnic is August 23rd at St. Joseph. Men’s club will have either a water slide or bounce house. We can advertise water slide the weeks prior to event if they go

OLD BUSINESS –

- Security – now have a template to use – like the one from St Nicholas. Michele, Ellen, Richard & Chris met with Officer Kyle Bade a few weeks ago and did a walk-through of all buildings. Will talk to Chris

about who will be writing up a plan from the template. Also passed around a tri-fold brochure that is currently available in church with safety guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Round the Table

- Allison said part of the trivia proceeds was used for the new 20" nativity scene. Need a new manager because Joseph is too tall for current creche.
- Michele Stroot noted the rummage sale is approaching. Start collecting your items for the sale. Bring them to the next meeting.
- Richard mentioned that Men's Club is taking care of the games at the Partnership Mass & Lunch.
- Derrick said St Clare board meeting will resume after summer hiatus.
- Neil said that the Holiday Hilltop is just over 4 months away. The committee is looking for a recipient if anyone knows of someone in need.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Annette at 7:42 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7 PM in Grootens.