

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 3, 2008

Present: Father Marty Fisher, Angela Krulls, Liz McNamara, Debbie Botch, Doug Hampton, Chrissy Beaudoin, Angela Paolucci, Mary Mietlicki, Janet Mietlicki, Wendy Marino, Ruth Moon, Mike Hetz, Kelly Millington

Opening: Mike listed the items in tonight's agenda. The Mission Statement was read by all, as well as the Prayer in Time of Change. There were no visitors to acknowledge.

Prayer: Thank you to Liz for leading us in prayer; "Got Spirit?"

Youth Report: Angela Paolucci, Mary Mietlicki along with Ruth Moon brought the council up to date on the youth activities. The Youth Bible Study continues to meet; their next time will be on March 30th. There is a meeting on March 9th to plan the Tenebrae service, which will be held on March 19th at 6:30. The youth is doing the Tenebrae this year instead of the Stations for the Cross. Ruth explained in more detail about the upcoming Confirmation Retreat for current tenth graders. Plans are ongoing for a lock-in at the YMCA in Clifton Park for sometime in April. It will be open to 7th – 12th grade, friends are always welcome too.

Called to Be Church Communication at Corpus Christi: The action plan was reviewed. Thank-you to Ruth and the GOF team for providing a time slot for council members to provide an overview of where the process currently is to the community. Thank you also to the council members who spoke at GOF. One suggestion was given by Angela P. re: the communication process. Angela suggested looking into something online for question and answers – a place where people could send in questions and CTBC members could respond. Mike responded that this is a good idea. What would have to be pursued is who/how would it be implemented. Someone must be responsible for viewing it and finding an answer. We would most likely need to find a dedicated person who would be willing to commit to a year or so. The actual platform would need to be explored. The council was asked to think about whether they personally could do this or if they knew of someone who could. Let Mike know if you have any ideas or names to suggest. Suggestion was made to have a box prominently displayed so community could write questions, comments or suggestions for CTBC process/committees. Mary volunteered to make a CTBC sign to place on the pastoral council suggestion box. Fr. Marty will place the box where he feels is appropriate.

Latest Called to be Church (CTBC) Status: Update on the committees

- **Christian Service: Angela Krulls and Mike Hetz**
They began by comparing what each parish was doing and then looked to see if there was an opportunity to link or not, listing reasons why they decided yes or no. The committee also looked at what the community provides for services in these areas. Linda Molloy from Corpus Christi has also been attending these meetings.

- **Prayer and Worship: Kelly Millington and Diane Marco**
Looked at CTBC committee had come up with when they discussed prayer and worship. Talked about what each parish was doing. Each member made a list of the top six priorities and then discussed and came up with top six across three parishes. Will then look at linkage opportunities.
- **Sacramental Prep: Debbie Botch and Doug Hampton**
Discussed which sacraments to link, suggested Marriage Prep and RCIA. Unsure about Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Baptismal Prep not planning to look for linkage here- feel it's very parish based. In the sacraments training and preparation may be linked but actual sacrament would be community based and done at the individual parishes. Ruth suggested that Confirmation would be an "easy link" as some of this is happening already.
- **Faith Formation K-12: Ruth Moon**
Vacation Bible School – one that all three parishes would link and plan and then offer three times over the course of the summer. Currently there are three different styles of catechesis – Generations for Faith (GOF @ CC), Growing in Faith Together (GIFT @ St. Mary's) and classroom based (@ St. Ed's) – the committee will be looking at how to link the three styles. Other topics discussed were Retreat Programs for all three parishes and a Youth Center and what would be offered there. There's a lot of material to educate a lot of people, just need to inform the community.
- **Executive Committee: Father Marty, Father Pat, Father Tom**
There will be three town meetings – joint meetings at the three churches. *Preliminary dates* are May 27th 7PM at St. Ed's, June 7th at Corpus Christi after the 5PM Mass, and June 8th at St. Mary's after the last Mass 12:00. At that point we will have the recommendations and everyone will get the same information. Kevin Harrigan, facilitator for our planning group will aid in all of this. There will also be a pulpit announcement/talk the weekend of June 21/22 where all three priests will speak at all masses regarding the recommendations and where we are going. There will also be two monthly pulpit proclamations during the homily, April 12/13 and sometime in May to update the community on where we are in the process. Kevin is coming up with an insert for the bulletins in the next week or so. At their next meeting, the priests will be talking looking at the Mass schedules. Father Marty commented that all three priests work very well together.

Chrissy who is responsible for updates asked if this information should be added but it was decided not yet. Mike said that Kevin is coming up with the insert so Mike will send that info out when he gets the insert.

Update on Discernment Process by Chrissy and Angela K.: Nomination forms are in bulletin. They are due March 17th. The people nominated will be called – depending on how many calls need to be made Chrissy will call with Janet, Ruth and Wendy volunteering to assist if needed. On April 21st there will be an informational meeting for all nominees (pastoral council members are asked to attend also). The actual discernment is scheduled for April 28th – again we ask that council members plan on attending and

lending their support to the discernment process. Angela and Chrissy will be meeting with Judy Mullins and Peg MacArthur who have graciously offered to assist in this process. Question was raised if the reminders for submitting nominations could be announced at Mass. Fr. Marty stated that Chrissy could call Joan Haviland and tell her that Fr. Marty said it was ok to put it in the announcements. Liz suggested we think about people we know, who might want to be on council and put submit their names.

Evangelization Committee Update: Wendy

See attached handout

Thank you to the Evangelization team for a wonderful job.

Other:

- Liz shared that she is going to retire – twenty years served here and twenty years at her previous church!! She gave us our prayer for April as her going away present.
- Keep Lisa's family in your prayers
- A card of thanks from Wendy was read, for the Mass intention for her mom

Evangelization Team Summary:

- Catholics Returning Home Program – first six-week program beginning Tuesday, March 25th, through and including April 29th; information being provided to PC by Rosemary Browne
- Newcomers Team – continues to make phone calls to new parishioners the week prior to Hospitality weekends, inviting them to fellowship and refreshments after each Mass and also to take their photo for posting on the Newcomers Photo Board; very successful effort to date
- Renovare – Ecumenical Spiritual Renewal Conference (St. George’s Episcopal Church) – has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 29th; 9 AM-4:30 PM; \$30/person; may apply online or contact Judy Mullins (664-6938; judemullins@nycap.rr.com); those who registered for the original date of February 23rd will be contacted about the rescheduled date and will be refunded the application fee if their schedules don’t allow them to make the new time
- Evangelization Training – 9 team members have committed to attending the next Diocesan Evangelization Training at the Pastoral Center on April 30th, facilitated by members of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
- “Forgiveness: A Gift Of Life” – April 1st – Carondelet Hospitality Center, Latham; 9:30 AM-3:00 PM; \$30 each (1-2 people), \$25 each (3 or more); presenter: Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. (Missionary servant of the Most Holy Trinity for over 50 years) – recommended at the last Diocesan Evangelization training session, esp. in the midst of CTBC; provides teaching on forgiveness, reconciliation and collaboration; skills to be practiced in nurturing those who become afraid, antagonistic, uncomfortable, and/or confused with changes to come from CTBC; deadline for applying – March 25th; apply on rcda.org or contact Judy Mullins
- Tri-fold Brochure – new design and revisions being reviewed by team
- Consumer Pak ad – outreach thru Malta mailing being developed

Other items:

- ✓ CTBC: Wendy & Judy continue contacting ministries re. speakers or handouts; Judy & Darrel LaVigne working on Adult Faith Formation 40+ subcommittee – developing a list of ministries that can be linked among St. Mary’s/St. Edward’s/Corpus Christi – each team being aware of maintaining each parish’s identity in the process – not all can be linked – deadline early April
- ✓ PC Nomination Process: Peg MacArthur and Judy are working with PC Selection Committee on discernment process

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