

# Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, 21 Mar 2024

## Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo  
Anthony Drogos  
Dianne Fajardo  
Tom McNew  
Lina Tuiasosopo  
Celeste Johns  
Rodney Davenport  
Don Wittenberger  
Rosa Subialdea  
Linda McHugh  
Candace Moya  
David Huffner  
John Hardin  
Jackie Dave  
Nicolas Elliott  
Joe Worley

## Absent:

Robin Spencer

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Rodney Davenport

Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

Minutes of the 21 Jan 24, were not available, thus not read.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Andre Chapel Construction:** Rodney updated the group on the repairs that were done to Andre Chalen in Jan 2024. Rodney told the group that the outside wood was replaced and painted, window flashings were resealed, and the water spots inside the Chapel were sanded down and the wall was repainted. The cost of repairs was \$4900.
- **Priest Residence Construction:** Rodney updated the group on the repairs in the Priest residence. Rodney told the group that the kitchen counter, upper cabinets, sink and sink facet, back splash, and stove range hood was replaced, and that a 6-shelf 'bread rack' was placed in the kitchen. Also, the old washer and dryer that was once in the main Rectory, was installed in the adjacent wing of BLDG D. the cost of repairs was \$9600.
- **Volunteer Dinner:** Rodney updated the group that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, that was held on 17 Feb 24, was a success. Over 200+ volunteers and their guest attended. It was mentioned to look for a Ministry to plan, organize and execute next year's dinner.
- **Fall Fest update:** It was mentioned to ask the Ministries to consider volunteering to host the Fall Fest. If a small ministry volunteers, they can combine with another ministry to host the Fest. An announcement is going to be placed in the bulletin.
- **Shelving:** Shelving was ordered and placed in the Social Hall supply closet and hallway cleaning closet near the Sacristy to tidy up the rooms.

- **Tablecloths:** New tablecloths for the round and rectangle tables in the SH were ordered. The old rectangle skirts will be given to the Knights. The round tablecloths will be offered to a Church in the area.
- **Main Church and FFC:** Several leaks were discovered, and Parson's Roofing came out to fix.
- **Double doors on Kempner side:** repaired.
- **Leaves on Kempner side:** Don Whittenberger mentioned the Kempner side is full of leaves in the Grado. Don was going to clean them up on Saturday, 23 Mar 24, and ask for help if anyone would be available.
- **Wicks Organ:** The organ has been sitting in the hallway of the FFC for months. Several attempts have been made to donate the organ and no takers. Rodney and the office are going to have Tanner, Maintenance, load up the organ and take it to the Cove dump.
- **Welcome Ministry:** Dianne updated the group that she had contact 5 new families, and that some Welcome letter had been returned. It was mentioned she search the Coryell Central Appraisal District (CAD) to see if the addresses are valid. There will be an update at the next meeting.
- **Feast of the Holy Family Celebration:** A nine-day novena planned before the final blessing of the Holy Family and intercessions on December 31, 2023. Linda will check on purchasing a related booklet.
- **BLDG A:** The Point-to-Point Wifi will be installed on 22 Mar 24. The 2 small center rooms need to be cleared of FF and other stuff and relocated to the SH attic for storage.
- **BLDG B:** Fall Festival items continue to be reorganized.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Ministry Volunteer Hours for Religious Education/Confirmation Students:** Fr. would like to see the RE and Confirmation students get involved in the Church to obtain volunteer hours. Virginia will be notified to work with the Ministries, to include My Brothers House, for the students.
- **Corpus Christie Procession:** Fr. requested to plan a Corpus Christie procession on 1 Jun 24, here in Cove and take the same route as last year. Anthony Drogos and Don Whittenberger, will coordinate the route clearance with Cove PD.
- **Video Presentations (Livestreaming) in the Church:** Father requested quotes for large screens mounted on each side of the church to be used for the Bishop's Catholic Services Appeal and other presentations. Linda will request a bid. The bid was high, so the PC is looking at alternatives. Celeste provided some information on the VMix system. Initial cost to be \$1000 for computer, console board, and panning camera. We still to find out the cost of the software.
- **Parish Van:** Fr. asked if it is possible to have a Church van to assist with shuttling (carpool) people to/from events. The office checked with the Diocese, and they steer away from any 15+ pax type vehicle. If we were to have a vehicle donated, it was recommended it be a 7 passenger SUV type vehicle in good working condition. The vehicle would have to be on the Diocese auto insurance, the driver is required to have a valid license with no infractions, and any passenger would have to sign a waiver. It was suggested we look at having a ministry, "Helping Hands, to assist with Parishioners to get to/from appointments, etc. An email will be sent out asking if anyone would like to lead it and volunteers.
- **Priest Residence:** Fr. thanked everyone who was involved or helped with the renovations in his residence.
- **My Brother's House:** Joe Worley updated the group that the House is doing well financially, passed an unannounced State inspection with flying colors, remove over 600 lbs. over survival food that was donated to another Church, and took to the Cove dump several hundred pounds of old or outdated food, etc.
- **Bicycle Rack:** A Parishioner placed in the Comment box they would like to see a bicycle rack placed somewhere around the Church to park bicycles. One has been ordered.

- **Confession Pamphlets:** A Parishioner placed in the Comment box there were no Confession pamphlet in or near Confession booths for those who are rusty. The office will place the pamphlets near the table where the Gifts are placed.
- **Kneeler in Andre Chapel:** A Parishioner placed in the Comment box that the kneeler, specifically the kneeler itself, in Andre Chapel was showing signs of wear, and may need to be replaced. Celeste looked at the kneeler and it appears the cushion is wearing. It will be considered to have the kneeler cushion replaced. A substitute kneeler will be swapped in until we have the old one repaired.
- **Organ Pipes Connected to Organ:** A Parishioner placed in the Comment box:
  - **Why hasn't the \$75,000 organ been hooked up yet?** The office is coordinating with the company who installed the organ to have the pipes hooked up. Unfortunately, the company is busy and may not get to us until Jun 2024.
  - **Why haven't the Cove side inner doors been repaired?** We are having Tanner, assess the damage and repair if possible.
  - **When will the Cove side pews, that are defaced, be repaired?** Don Whittenberger is going to assess the pews and let us know what can be done.
  - **Hopefully, whoever decided to move Fall Fest to 2nd weekend in Oct 2024, will pay for the new signage.** A decision hasn't been made to officially move the fest to that date, and if so the Church or a donor will pay for the new signs.
  - **Why so many tables and bookshelves in Andre Chapel? Looks untidy. No need for all that.** Adorers are reading the books.
  - **Why doesn't the choir practice in the Church?** There is more going on besides signing. The Director is writing information on a whiteboard, etc., and providing additional musical instructions.

### **Comments and Parishioner Concerns**

Rodney presented items followed by a general discussion with summary to follow.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Father at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for 25 Apr 24, at 6:00 PM in the social hall.

Submitted by Rodney Davenport, 26 Mar 24