

MINUTES

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mary Ann Cronin. The minutes for the December 2, 2014 meeting were approved.

In Attendance:

Council Members: Mary Ann Cronin, Mark Molnar, Nan Nichols, Ed Drechsel, Thelma Horton, Elizabeth Martin, Magdalene Howell

Ex-Officio Members: Father Jim

New Business:

Justice and Peace Committee: Dedee Rice, chair of the Justice and Peace Committee presented her report. (see attachment) It included the results of the parish wide survey and summaries of past, ongoing and upcoming programs. Parish Council thanked Dedee for all of her efforts.

Old Business:

Ministry Fair: Mary Ann Cronin read a Ministry Report that compiled comments/responses from Ministry heads regarding the recent Ministry Fair. Although the fair was more successful, based on recruitment, for some ministries than others it is the general consensus to hold a Ministry Fair every year.

Capital Campaign: Father Jim reported that the campaign to raise money for the diocese has begun. Father and the parish staff met with a diocesan representative to discuss what will be involved. The goal is for Saint Therese parishioners to contribute \$331,000 with one third of that amount being returned to our parish if we reach that goal.

Parish Council Election: Suggestions were made concerning ways to publicize the upcoming Parish Council elections. These included:

- Informative bulletin announcements weekly to explain what the role of the council is and what serving on the council involves
- Have Nadine put a similar announcement on the television in the church lobby
- Beginning March 22 have an announcement read by a current Parish Council member at each Mass
- Every Parish Council member needs to approach possible candidates

Mary Ann suggested that we get a church calendar for 2015-2016 and find a date for a Parish Council retreat since we have not had one recently and there will many new members.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

CLOSING: Mary Ann Cronin closed the meeting.