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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2017

Rita Guest, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Chriss Lawrence said the opening prayer.

Sylvester McClellan, Finance Council Chair, presented the parish budget for next year. It was approved by unanimous vote.

New members to the Parish Council were welcomed: Joan Lechene, and Cathy Buquor. Ron Haggerty was unable to make this meeting.

The minutes from the April 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

**In Attendance**:

**Council Members:**  Rita Guest, Phil Olekszyk, Linda Gregory, Christine Van Buren and Chriss Lawrence. Incoming members present were Joan Lechene, and Cathy Buquor. Cheryl Davis and Ron Haggerty were unable to attend.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Father Jim Cowles and Magdalene Howell.

**Guest:** Sylvester McClellan, Finance Council Chair

**Old Business:**

**Parish Council Elections:** Cheryl has put pictures of the newly elected parish council members on the board in the commons area. Father will appoint Justen Anderson as the Youth representative for a one year term. Joe Syslo received the 4th highest number of votes and will be tapped to come on the Council if a member resigns in the coming year. Cheryl provided the new members with a list of the Parish Council members, a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, and copies of the March and April Parish Council Minutes. Chriss has ordered the badges for new members.

**Bingo update:** Father Jim reported Bingo is back on track. They still need volunteers. The Knights are running the concession stand.

P**arish Directory update**: Rita reported information has been given to Michael and she (Rita) will let us know when all is ready. The web page for St. Therese will be the pass worded access point for the online directory. Finance council members, parish council, current and new members and staff will receive free hard cover directories. Other parish members who participated will get their directory before any other parishioners.

**Parish Bulletin update:** The expanded bulletin will begin late summer. The format will be the same each week, with additions on the third page insert. The office needs to check with the printer to see about the contract for the additional page.

**Parish Council retreat:** The retreat will be Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2 or 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. We would like Cheryl to take the lead on the book Great Catholic Parishes for about 30 minutes, and Linda Gregory volunteered to be the spiritual director during the rest of the retreat with Father Jim. Lunch will be provided.

**Newsletter update:** Cheryl Davis provided four very good articles from Lourdes Parker to get started on the newsletter. We will start the newsletter after the new format of the bulletin has started in late summer. Will Lourdes be the contact for articles and set up on the page? There is no budget for the newsletter. It was said this would be on the website and we can print out copies for those who are homebound or request it. We need to get out information to direct people to our website.

**Rent table for Oct 21, Theresian Christmas Bazaar:** This idea was not approved as the Parish Council is not set up as a money making organization. Individuals can rent a table if they desire.

**Neighborhood Communities Progress:** Father Jim, Deacon Sandy, Linda, Stephen and Kerry have met. All members of the council are to turn in their input to Linda, on the reflection questions Father Jim passed out.

**Community Social Events:** Several events were selected for Father’s approval: Parish Picnic -October 1, 2017, Wine and Cheese Social - November 18, 2017, Senior Lunch following 10:30 mass - January 14, 2018, Mardigras - February 10, 2018, International Dinner - May 19, 2018, and Western Night - July 21, 2018. These are not necessarily being put on by the Parish Council, but the Parish as a whole. We are looking to have the Life Committees to run these events.

**Facebook Project update:** Christine is adding information to the Facebook page as she gets it. Jeri Trudeau has pictures which can be added. Brandon and Christine are the two administrators.

**Other Old Business:** There will be an RCIA reception for new members of the church following the 5:00 Mass on May 20th. Please sign up for the pot luck if you can come.

**New Business**:

**Other new business:** Christine reported that Brian McGovern, Mass coordinator has asked if he could have a table in the commons area letting parishioners know about the Peninsula Catholic School. It was agreed this could be arranged one time a year, at a date that would be most beneficial to the school. Christine will get with him on arrangements and date.

**June meeting discussion**: Our next regular meeting will be a social on June 7th, for all current and new parish council members and a guest, in the social hall. We will begin with a short meeting at 6:30 p.m. to elect officers for next year and the social will follow. An email will be sent out so we know what goodies everyone is bringing. Linda Gregory will give the opening prayer and Phil Olekszyk will do the closing prayer.

**Closing**: Rita Guest said the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8: 12 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted:

Chriss Lawrence, Secretary