

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Therese Catholic Church

December 5, 2018

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. Linda Gregory

Opening prayer: Linda Gregory

Attendance:

- **Council Members:** Linda Gregory, Cathy Buquor, Ron Haggerty, Phil Olekszyk, Joan Lechene, Sylvia Clifton, Tim Brown, Christine Van Buren, and Dan Wenner.
- **Ex Officio Members:** Fr Jim, Cheryl Davis

Formation: In the interest of time, a Formation item of interest was not presented.

Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2018 meeting: Ron motioned for the minutes to be approved and Phil seconded the motion. The minutes were passed with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Increased Offertory Program (Our Sunday Visitor)** – Ron Haggerty presented a summary of the Increased Offertory Program launching meeting. At the meeting a discussion on the terminology was used to standardize documents. It is important to not look at this program with a purpose of meeting a budget shortfall or need, but we do recommend discussing what priorities are made in the budget of the parish. The focus of the program is on appealing to the generosity of the individual parishioner. Everything we have is from God, we must give generously back to the church. The program will be supported with scripture, handouts, etc. There will need to be a focus on E-giving. There will be an appeal to our retired population to donate directly from their tax-deferred retirement accounts to take advantage of a new IRS ruling that charitable donations made from a tax-deferred account will be exempt from taxation up to \$100,000 as long as the distribution comes from a qualified account and is donated to a charity that meets IRS stipulations.

To market the program to parishioners will require printing of documents. Ron and his wife offered to pay for the printing of the Increased Offertory Program. Costs will be estimated at a future meeting. After discussion, it was thought to ask BINGO to cover the cost.

- **Parish Directory online** – Cheryl provided update information that January 15, 2019 is the deadline for directory information. Subsequently, required pictures will be taken and then data will be uploaded.
- **Ministry Fair** - on hold until portico completed
- **Columbarium update/ Cemetery Survey** – No change. Meeting with Deacon Handel will be December 12, 2018 at 11 am.

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- **Parish Mission** – Start date for the Mission has been changed to November 22, vice November 20, 2019. Linda presented a copy of the contract with VIGIL. A deposit check for \$2,160 has been coordinated through Debbie and Fr. Jim.
- **Parish Nurses** - Table for now.
- **Bishops listening session** – Cheryl will provide an informational handout at coming Masses. Fr Jim stated that the Diocese will publish all comments on the Diocesan web site.
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- **Fundraising** - nothing to report
- **Other old business** - None

PARISH COMMITTEE AND EXTERNAL MINISTRY REPORTS

- **Neighborhoods** – Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **RCIA** - Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **Finance** - Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **Charitable gaming** - Committee report tabled to January meeting
- **Maintenance** - Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **Liturgy** - Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **Social Justice** - Committee report tabled to January meeting.
- **Parish Community life** - Committee report tabled to January meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Finance council – Linda briefed that the meeting November 14, 2018 was very productive. There was a very nice dinner with the Finance Council. Linda briefed that a renewed effort is needed in communication with the ministries, ensuring the ministry provide a working budget or they will not be awarded funds for their activities.

Additional new business – No new business.

Volunteers for opening and closing prayer: Opening prayer - Joan Lechene, and closing prayer - Phil Olekszyk

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Next meeting: January 9, 7 pm

Closing prayer – Phil Olekszyk

Adjournment - Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm