

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Therese Catholic Church

November 7, 2018

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

Opening prayer: Linda Gregory

In Attendance:

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

Formation: Linda Gregory read from Call to Serve about the Parish council role in the budget process with the Finance Council

Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2018 meeting: Phil motioned for the minutes to be approved and Ron seconded the motion. The minutes were passed with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Increased Offertory Program (Our Sunday Visitor)** - Ron met with Debbie and Ann - similar programs in past - showed previous brochures (see attached for offering stats) Theme is "any amount makes a difference". 4 separate mailings over 4 weeks. Ron's brother does publishing and will help if we want to use Our Sunday visitor program and we would pay postage, or we can use previous brochures. Bishops Appeal is in March so plan to do mailings in late January early February. Ron will help organize a committee with 3-5 parishioners, 2-4 parish council members, Debbie and Fr. Jim. Linda and Cathy offered to be on the committee with Ron. Phil suggested Steve Sales - Ron will contact him. Ron suggested the committee meet in late November. Table until December meeting.
- **Parish Directory online** - No updates
- **Ministry Fair** - on hold until portico completed
- **Columbarium update/ Cemetery Survey** - Cheryl and Linda went to the Bishops listening session and met Deacon Handle. He agreed to put us on the Bishops agenda. He came to St. Therese and met with parishioners. Emailed Fr. Jim and asked for dimensions - Fr. Jim sent those to Deacon Handle. Meeting with Bishop will be December 12, 2018 at 11 am
- **Parish Mission** - Linda has been corresponding with Greg Boudreaux from the Vigil project - \$6500 plus room and board, travel expenses and food. We would need to provide volunteers and tables. \$2166 down payment balance due prior to event. 6 team member concert on the first day and speakers next 2 days. Phil suggested charging for mission but the overall consensus was people would not come if there was a fee. Linda suggested opening it up to other parishes in the area and having a donation jar. Pot luck dinner each night. Tentative dates November 17-19, 2019. Will ask bingo for a donation.

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- **Parish Nurses** - will ask nurses in the parish (who still have an active license) if any are interested. Table for now
- **Bishops listening session** - Crisis in the church - Attorney general asked the over 200 attendees to give names of abusers and for victims to come forward. Attendees were able to voice concerns/feelings. Cheryl asked Fr. Jim if we can put the list of questions from the meeting in the bulletin with a box for parishioners to complete and return. Cheryl also wants to order prayer cards from the session - A prayer for healing Victims of abuse - they are \$10 for 50. Cheryl offered to pay for them and several council members offered to help with the cost. Cheryl will order them
- **Fundraising** - nothing to report
- **Other old business** - Votive candle stand has arrived - waiting on candle holders

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- **Neighborhoods** - 2 neighborhoods are now formed. Kitty Witty has had 2 meetings. Linda had a meeting at her house with 5 people in attendance. Fr. Jim said mass. Would like to get a third group. Linda will ask Ed and Joann Keiser. There seems to be more interest.
- **RCIA** - Linda spoke to Kerry Fallon - nothing new to report. Kerry offered to come a meeting and speak. Linda will set that up
- **Finance** - Next meeting November 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- **Charitable gaming** - Fr. Jim reported donations are made directly to the vendors. About \$7000 in their account. Donation made to replace kitchen door.
- Theresians paid for the repair to the soffit.
- **Maintenance** - See attached
- **Liturgy** - nothing to report
- **Social Justice** - Linda reported they are taking gifts to the residents at Walter Reed convalescent center. They will also be taking donations for the migrant workers and will have the Angel tree again this year
- **Parish Community life** - Cathy reported the next function is the Wine and Cheese Social on November 17, 2018 at 6 pm. Ana Baranco is chairing this function and she will get in touch with her to see if she needs any assistance.

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NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Finance council - November 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the meeting room

Additional new business - Fr. Jim said they are waiting for the lights to arrive for the portico and handles for the front doors

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

Next meeting: December 5, 2018 7 pm - covered dish

Closing prayer - Sylvia Clifton

Adjournment - Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm