

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Therese Catholic Church

January 9, 2019

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

Opening prayer: Joan Lechene

Attendance:

- **Council Members:** Linda Gregory, Ron Haggerty, Joan Lechene, Sylvia Clifton, and Christine Van Buren.
- **Ex Officio Members:** Fr Jim, Cheryl Davis

Formation: A Formation item of interest was not presented.

Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2018 meeting: Ron motioned for the minutes to be approved and Joan seconded the motion. The minutes were passed with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Increased Offertory Program (Our Sunday Visitor)** – Ron presented a timeline he had worked out. It was discussed that we will go forward with the timeline. Fr. Jim will revise the wording of the announcement in the Bulletin to reflect any changes in the project. Sylvia will speak on e-giving at all the Masses on the weekend of January 26 and 27. Steve Sales will do the Stewardship announcement.
- **Parish Directory online** – Cheryl will extend the deadline due to poor response on address updates from the parishioners.
- **Ministry Fair** – This issue is tabled until the Fall.
- **Columbarium update/ Cemetery Survey** – Fr. Jim stated that Deacon Handel did not attend the last scheduled meeting on December 12, 2018.
- **Parish Mission** – A deposit of \$2100 has been made to the Vigil Project. Contributions from Bingo, Theresians, and Knights of Columbus will be requested.
- **Parish Nurses** – This item is no longer being pursued and will be removed from future agendas.
- **Bishops listening session** – All comments are posted on the Diocesan web site.
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- **Fundraising** – This item is no longer being pursued and will be removed from future agendas.
- **Other old business** - None

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PARISH COMMITTEE AND EXTERNAL MINISTRY REPORTS

- **Neighborhoods** – There are two active groups. Fr. Jim requested a summary and an invitation letter from the Hickory Fork group be written for the third page of the Bulletin. He asked Joan to compose it.
- **RCIA** – Linda mentioned there are 2 unbaptized and 2 baptized candidates this year.
- **Finance** – Linda will email Debrah Knarr.
- **Charitable gaming** – Fr. Jim stated that \$15,000 will be provided for a new sound system.
- **Maintenance** – Fr. Jim sent a certified letter to the contractor of the portico and contacted the Diocese. He also has changed the name of the portico to colonnade. Fr. Jim also discussed painting the worship area and painting a different color on the wall behind the Cross.
- **Liturgy** – Cathy – report tabled to next meeting.
- **Social Justice** – Linda stated Ann Foster was in charge of Christmas gifts for Guest Services. In February they will do dinners for Guest Services.
- **Parish Community life** – 20 parishioners attended the New Year's Eve party. Games were played and all had a good time. 92 parishioners were served at the Senior Lunch on January 6, 2018. The Youth Group served. There were 8 youth group members and a couple of their families also attended. The Seniors at the dinner were all impressed with the youth group and filled their tip jar accordingly. The Youth are saving the money for their next mission trip.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Finance council – Nothing new to report.

Additional new business –

- Parish Council elections will be held the last weekend in April.
- Sylvia stated that the flow of traffic in the parking lot can be congested and sometimes unsafe. It was suggested that the arrows be made more visible for safety reasons. Fr. Jim stated he will speak to Gary about repainting the arrows.
- The Budget will be kept as is for the new year.

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Volunteers for opening and closing prayer: Opening prayer - Joan Lechene, and closing prayer – Ron Haggerty

Next meeting: February 6, 2019, 7 pm

Closing prayer – Phil Olekszyk

Adjournment - Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm