**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. Linda Gregory

**Opening prayer:** Cathy Buquor

**Attendance:**

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

**Formation:** A Formation presentation was bypassed in the interest of time. There was a Reconciliation Mass scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2019 meeting:** Phil motioned for the minutes to be approved and Cathy seconded the motion. The minutes were passed with unanimous consent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Parish Council Elections** – Elections are scheduled for April 27 and 28. Andrew Franz and Phil Olekszyk will run for election. Annette Gerwitz is considering running. This will make for three nominees. If there are no other nominees, then the new council will be announced to the parish and the formal election process will not be deemed necessary.
* **Ministry and Council Budgets** – Cathy Buquor forwarded the Liturgy Committee March 18 Minutes. They are attached for your information.
* **Increased Offertory Program (Our Sunday Visitor)** – The Council did not see this effort as a big success. Responses from the parish members was well below expectations.
* **Parish Directory online** – Nothing new to report.
* **Ministry Fair** – This issue is tabled until the Fall.
* **Columbarium update/ Cemetery Survey** – Fr. Jim stated that Deacon Handel received our inputs but has not responded with any action to move forward in support of the project.
* **Parish Mission** – Linda stated the VIGIL group is open to staying at guest homes owned by our parishioners during the event. No new information on the project status is available at this time.
* **Distribution of the next Gus Lloyd Minute in the Church book** **–** The books are to be handed out to parishioners after Mass on 13/14 April.
* **Church anniversary** – May 2019 is the 80th anniversary of the Church of St Therese. The Council is working on a project to design and sell commemorative T-shirts as a means of enhancing a sense of identity within the parish and to raise funds.
* **Other old business** – Colonnade: Fr. Jim said he, Deb, and Mike Foster met with the contractor to review the completed work on the colonnade. Some issues remain to be resolved; refer to Maintenance under Ministry Reports.

**Parish committee and external ministry reports**

* **Ministry and Council Budgets** – The Parish Staff provided an updated quarterly Parish budget report to the Council. The Council noted that there is no significant increase in income; the results of the Increased Offertory Program did not indicate a noticeable rise in parishioner offerings, however there was a increase in recent weekly offertory collections.
* Without an increase in income, and with the ministry budgets showing increased needs, it was suggested that the Council communicate to the ministries a need to decrease their budgets by some amount to keep the actual expenditures in line with the budget forecast.
* The council noted that 2017/2018/2019 quarterly budgets were not comparable on a year-to-year basis, frustrating attempts to identify cause and effect actions for balancing the current budget. It is difficult to identify a single or several ministry budgets for reduction. A proposal was submitted to do an across-the-board reduction of all ministry budget. This proposal was tabled until another meeting between the Executive Committee and the parish Admin staff can be arranged.
* **Neighborhoods** – Nothing new to report.
* **RCIA** – Nothing new to report.
* **Finance** – Linda and Fr. Jim continue to work with several ministries to emphasize the need for keeping plans in line with budgeted allowances and to increase fund raising by the committees.
* **Charitable gaming** – The Bingo activity will receive a complete revamping of materials and the support organization. The activity is foreseen as going to a full electronic format, with paper BINGO sheets provided to those that prefer them. A new marketing effort will be initiated. Jodie Clements will spearhead the revisions to the program.
* **Maintenance** – The doors to the Colonnade require maintenance. They do not close properly. The concrete floor needs to be replaced. The Colonnade is scheduled to be dedicated on or about May 14 (Church anniversary), or at least before June 4 (Pentecost).
* Pavilion diagrams and plans have been approved. Construction starts in 2 to 3 weeks. Money was provided by a parishioner bequest.
* **Liturgy** – Cathy provided the minutes from their meeting March 18.
* **Social Justice** – Nothing new to report.
* **Parish Community life** – Nothing new to report.

**New Business**

 **International Night** – International Night is scheduled for June 9, 2019. (menu; organizer)

**Volunteers for opening and closing prayer**: Opening prayer – Joan, and closing prayer – Cheryl

**Next meeting**: May 1, 2019, 7 pm

**Closing prayer** – Sylvia Clifton.

**Adjournment** - Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm