**1Call to Order: 7**:00 p.m. Linda Gregory

**Opening prayer:** Joan Lechene

**Attendance:**

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

**Formation:** Linda presented a passage on St Joseph The Worker.

**Approval of Minutes from April 10, 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** – There were no elections held on April 27 and 28. Andrew Franz, our one nominee, and Phil Olekszyk will run for election.
* **Ministry and Council Budgets** – A full budget has not been received yet. Therefore, the budget was not approved at this time.
* **Increased Offertory Program (Our Sunday Visitor)** – The Diocese provided information on the program to Administration. The information is being made available at a later date, after review.
* **Parish Directory online** – Nothing new to report.
* **Ministry Fair** – This issue is tabled until the Fall.
* **Columbarium update/ Cemetery Survey** – Linda received an email from Deacon Handel to schedule a follow-up meeting. However, Deacon Handel did not keep the appointment; reason unknown.
* **Parish Mission** – The Parish Mission dates are November 20, 21, and 22. Fundraising ideas were discussed. Some funds may come from the sale of t-shirts sold on the parish anniversary date. A suggested fundraising idea was to have a Wine and Cheese on the last night of the Mission.
* **Distribution of the next Gus Lloyd Minute in the Church book** **–** The books were handed out to parishioners after Mass on 13/14 April. There is one more to distribute in the near future.
* **Church anniversary** – The church anniversary will be May 18, 2019. May 19, 2019 is the 80th anniversary of the Church of St Therese. The Council will sell commemorative T-shirts as a means of enhancing a sense of identity within the parish and to raise funds. To celebrate Fr Jim’s Ordination anniversary cake and coffee will be served after all the Masses that weekend.
* **Social Ministry Events for the Pastoral Year 2019**-**2020:**

2019:

 International Night - June 8, 2019

 Western Night – July 20, 2019

Parish Picnic – September 29, 2019

Wine and Cheese – November 16, 2019

New Year’s Eve – December 31, 2019

 2020:

 Senior Lunch – January 5, 2020

 Mardi Gras – February 22, 2020

 International Dinner – May 30, 2020

 Western Night – July 18, 2020

 Parish Picnic – Sept 29, 2020

* **Other old business** – None

**Parish committee and external ministry reports**

* **Ministry and Council Budgets** – Nothing new to report
* **Neighborhoods** – A new Neighborhood Christian Group has been formed. Diane and Tony Cuppla will host the first gathering at their home with Fr. Jim offering Masss.
* **RCIA** – Nothing new to report.
* **Finance** – Nothing new to report.
* **Charitable gaming** – Nothing new to report.
* **Maintenance** – Nothing new to report.
* **Liturgy** – Nothing new to report.
* **Social Justice** – Mother’s Day - A Pack-n-Play is set up in the commons for infant clothing and supplies for new mothers. These will be donated to Catholic Services in Hampton Roads. Donations will be collected thru May 12.
* **Parish Community life** – Nothing new to report.

**New Business**

* **Annual Pork BBQ:** Tickets are on sale for the Annual Pork BBQ, which will be held May 9 at the Ware River Yacht Club. It is sponsored by the Small Christian Groups. Tickets are $25 each. The proceeds will go to the Bread for Life Food Pantry.
* **Volunteer Drivers:** Phil requested that an announcement be put in the bulletin advertising for drivers to volunteer to provide rides to Mass for those parishioners that are homebound in the courthouse area.
* **Open Pastoral Council Meeting:** There was discussion about scheduling a Pastoral Council meeting that is open to all parishioners to attend. The purpose is for parishioners to better understand the function of the Pastoral Council.

**Volunteers for opening and closing prayer**: Opening prayer – Phil, and closing prayer – Linda

**Next meeting**: June 5, 2019, 7 pm

**Closing prayer** – Sylvia Clifton.

**Adjournment** - Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm