**Call to Order: 7**:00 p.m. Ron Haggerty

**Opening prayer:** Cathy Buquor

**Attendance:**

**Council Members**: Fr. Gregory, Linda Gregory, Ron Haggerty, Cathy Buquor, Tim Brown, Sylvia Clifton, Phil Olekszyk, Dan Wenner

**Guest**s: Eric Anderson from Knights of Columbus Council 9428 and DeDee Rice, the Parish Business Manager

**Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2019 meeting:** The minutes were passed with unanimous consent and without discussion.

**Presentation by Eric Anderson:**  Eric Anderson presented a check for $1500 to the Parish as support from the St Therese Church Knights of Columbus Fr. Edmond P. McCarthy Council 9428 for the Parish Retreat in November, to be presented by VIGIL The funds came from the Knight’s concession fund which is managed to support the church’s Bingo ministry. The Knights set aside 25% of the concession profits for church assistance. A committee of the Knights Council recommends the use of the funds and the Council votes to transfer the funds to the church. DeDee Rice accepted the check.

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**FORMATION:**

Fr. Gregory presented a video clip from the Mid-Atlantic Conference on Pastoral Leadership as our formation segment of the meeting. Fr. Gregory had attended the conference. The video clip was of a presentation by Sr. Miriam Heidland, from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). The main thrust of the presentation was to encourage the audience to consider three questions for internal reflection: 1) Where do you come from; 2) Where are you going; 3) Where are you now. These formation sessions are part of our continuing effort to identify and implement actions to further evangelization within our community. Of additional interest is that Fr. Gregory will be going to Israel 7 – 17 November. He will return in time to participate in the parish retreat.

**discussion topics**

**Parish Mission Retreat:** Therewas consensus that the Parish Mission Retreat is timely in regard to helping the church recover from the effects of the Catholic Church scandals from the last two and three years. It was felt that the church as a community has never confronted the issue nor resolved individual concerns. The Vigil Project presentation and the associated activities may help parishioners come to grips with their feelings on the affair. Advent is a perfect time to do this. Linda will work with the Gloucester Gazette-Journal on advertising for The Vigil Project with a possible press release and other ads once she receives the advertising materials from the organizers of the event. She will also reach out to the paper on advertising with the postcard format during Advent and Lent.

**Parish Youth Ministry:**  Fr. Gregory invited Jennifer Roberts to take on the responsibilities of our Parish Youth Minister. She accepted. There is a youth retreat planned for next February, but there remain several planning details to be resolved.

**Ministry Fair:** Cathy Buquor stated that the Ministry Fair will be scheduled in January 2020.

**Parish communications and outreach:**  Ron Haggerty is moving forward on the project. He is in discussion with the IT company in Ann Arbor, MI that provides the ParishCast software to the Diocese. They are researching ways to implement it within the St Therese community. ParishCast allows bulk emailing and texting over cellphones. ParishCast costs approximately $1,000 a year to maintain. Coordination with Franktronics, our parish IT support agency, is needed to ensure compatibility of the program with our current server hardware and software. Parish community data will need to be uploaded, such as parishioner email addresses. Fr. Gregory is in full support of the email and texting campaigns.

**Next meeting**: November 19, 2019, 7 pm

**Closing prayer** – Sylvia Clifton

**Next meeting’s opening and closing prayers:**

Opening prayer: Ron

Closing prayer: Tim

**Adjournment** - Adjourned at 8:30 pm