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

**Opening prayer:** Joan Lechene

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Linda Gregory, Ron Haggerty, Joan Lechene, Cathy Buquor, Sylvia Clifton, Phil Olekszyk, DeDee Rice, Gary Dietz

**Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2019 meeting:** The minutes were passed with unanimous consent and without discussion.

**Operations and Maintenance Report:** Gary Dietz presented his operations and maintenance report. He discussed maintenance and repairs to the church, chapel, ALC, YLC, rectory, and storage buildings. He detailed projects completed and projects designated for this fiscal year. The chapel roof needs repair, which is designated for 2022. Gary also advised that a large fountain and two benches that were donated will be placed between the portico and the church on the right side coming out of the church. Funds have been designated to repair cracks in the Portico floor; a contractor is being considered.

**Pastor’s Comments:** The book that Fr. Jim ordered, “Shine Like Stars,” has arrived. It is for the 200th Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 1820-2020. The book presents the history of the Richmond Diocese and the churches in the Diocese including pictures and history of each one. The book will be on sale to the parish at a future date. It was discussed that the books be sold as a fund raiser and a dollar amount to sell each book was discussed. No decisions were made on either.

**discussion topics**

**Pastor Installation:** Bishop B. Knestout will come to St Therese on January 25, 2020 to install Fr. Gregory as pastor. The Bishop would like the Pastoral Council and Finance Council to meet with him at 3:30 p.m. that day. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. There is also a survey to be filled out and returned to the Diocese by January 17, 9:00 p.m. Ron will email a link to the survey to council members.

**Deaneries:**  There is a meeting of Deaneries at Norge on January 23, 2020. Sylvia will accompany Fr. Gregory to represent the Pastoral Council.

**Parish Mission Retreat (The Vigil Project):** To sustain our evangelization effort, the Council considers it necessary to get the congregation involved in learning their spiritual disciplines and practicing them in their lives.

**ParishCast:**  DeDee discussed ParishCast and how to get the congregation’s info. It was decided that cards will be placed in the pews for the parishioners to fill out.

**Evangelization:** Fr. Gregory would like to begin Parish Renewal Projects. DeDee agreed to reach out to a few parishioners to form a committee that will identify evangelization projects.

**Ministry Fair:** Cathy Buquor said the Fair will be this Sunday, January 12. It will be held in the church hall during the Knights breakfast.

**Small Neighborhood Christian Groups:** Fr. Gregory would like to continue with this ministry.

**Mardi Gras:** The Mardi Gras celebration will be held February 22. Fr. Gregory would like to include middle and high school parish members. It was also discussed as to whether there should be a charge for the event. No decision was made.

**Next meeting**: February 12, 2020 7 pm

**Closing prayer** – Linda Gregory

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

* Opening prayer: Tim
* Closing prayer:

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