**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

**March 11, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 7PM Ron Haggerty

**Opening prayer:**  Linda Gregory lead the council in prayer.

Pastor’s Comments: Fr. Gregory read a letter from the Diocese about the Corona Virus. The letter states that there is to be no handshakes at the Sign of Peace, no Precious Wine will be offered, and the Baptismal Font is to be drained.

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Ron Haggerty, Linda Gregory, Cathy Buquor, Joan Lechene

**Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2020:** Minutes were adopted without exception and with full consent.

**FORMATION:** Discussion of “Forming Intentional Disciples,” Chapters 8, 9, and 10.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

* Youth Ministry update: Three applications have been received. The deadline for applications is March 4-7.
* ParishCast update: The information cards were approved. An announcement about the cards will be make on March 21 and 22. Ron will write up an announcement to be made at each of the Masses. The cards will be placed on the end of each pew to be passed down and then put in the collection basket.
* Review of Deanery meeting: This was an annual meeting only. A pilgrimage is scheduled for May 9 to Baltimore.
* Parish renewal projects: “Christ Life” is the least expensive of the renewal projects. The courses can be from three to seven weeks. Cheryl Davis and Janet Leigh are preparing plans for possible projects.
* Mardi Gras celebration February 22, 2020: Mardi Gras was a great success. Approximately 70 people attended.

* Fund raising opportunities – Diocese Anniversary book “Shine Like Stars.” It was decided and agreed that the charge would be $60 per book and the proceeds will go to the youth group. The sale will begin this Saturday and Sunday, 3-14 March and 3-15 March.
* Distribution of next Gus Lloyd book “Back to Basics.” The books will be passed out at Masses on Ash Wednesday, noon and 7 p.m.
* Review of remaining 2019-2020 calendar events: The International Dinner will be held May 30, on Pentecost Vigil. Western Night will be held July 18.
* Discussion of 2020-2021 calendar events: tabled to next meeting.
* Preparations for elections in April: It was discussed that nominations will be solicited on April 4, 5. The forms will be in the pews and a box will be in the commons to drop the forms in.
* Preparations for closeout of 2019-2020 budget: Ron will meet with Finance Council Chair to begin the process of closing out the 2019-2020 budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

GUEST Program: DeeDee is working on the requirements.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  Not done.

**NEXT MEETING**: April 1, 2020