**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

**October 8, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 7PM Fr. Gregory

**Opening prayer:**  Fr Gregory lead the Council in reading Psalm 139. The Council divided into left and right sides, each reading a stanza of the Psalm in turn. The Psalm was followed by a reading of 1 Corinthians 2:10-16.

**Pastor’s presentation**: Father Gregory lead the council in a round of introductions so our new member, Jim Trist could get to know something about each of the members and introduce himself.

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, George Koos, Cathy Buquor, Emily Buquor, Tim Brown, Sylvia Clifton, Jim Trist.

**Leadership discernment:** The Council conducted a discernment session to identify the Council Executive Committee members. The discernment had several steps:

* + - Prayer before the discernment process
    - Nominations: The nomination process for each position consisted of first Fr Gregory passing out blank nominating ballots. Then the council members were asked to nominate other members to the position under consideration: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Fr. Gregory wrote the nominee names on  a white board, then asked the council members to list on their ballots the names in order of who they thought would be best, then second best, then third best to fill each position. Fr. Gregory collected the ballots after each round and with the help of an assistant retired from the social hall and counted the ballots. Then he returned to announce the person selected. The balloting resulted with the following selection:
      * + Chair - Chriss Lawrence
        + Vice Chair - George Koos
        + Secretary - Cathy Buquor

**Formation:** The Formation for the evening consisted in reading aloud passages from the beginning of Pope Francis’ Encyclical “The Joy of the Gospel.” One member read a paragraph or two and then another member would continue with the next paragraph. Formation stopped at paragraph 4.

**Soup for Love Cookbook**.  Tim Brown presented a synopsis of the Administrative Staff and Finance Council efforts to resolve the Soup for Love Cookbook dilemma. The Finance Council approved payment to Gloucester Office Supply for the cookbooks. A detailed history was distributed to Council members before the meeting to the members via email. Administrative staff had asked the Council to help identify who may have ordered and paid for a copy of the cookbook and if they had received it or not. The crux of the issue is that 23 of the recipes in the cookbook were copyrighted, that the copyright was acknowledged, and money had been collected for the cookbooks. The collection of the money was in violation of copyright laws. The Council was asked to expand the search for possible recipients through interface with the Knights of Columbus council and the Theresians. Tim Brown agreed to approach Eric Anderson, the Grand Knight of the Knights Council and Chriss Lawrence agreed to approach the Theresians. Tim will prepare for Fr Gregory’s review a draft email to Eric Anderson. Tim will pass a copy of it to Chriss and Chriss will approach the Theresians in the same manner. Tim will collect results and present them to the Parish Council for further deliberation on what to do with the remaining copies of the cookbook.

**Refreshments:**  The Executive Committee will prepare a rotating schedule of members to provide refreshments.

**Opening and Closing Prayers:**  A rotating schedule of members will also be prepared for opening and closing prayers.

Parish Council meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Concluding prayer conducted by Fr. Gregory The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.