PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 19, 2021

**Call to Order:** 7:10 by Chriss Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:** Greg Vuyovich

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Wayne Savage, Greg Vuyovich, Diane Coppola, Kimberly Wood, Walter Priest and Jim Trist. Special attendees were Debbie Knarr, our Business Manager and Mindy Scott, our new Administrative Assistant.

**Vision Statement:** The Council read the Parish Vision Statement in unison.

**New Parish Staff Members:** Fr. Introduced Debbie and Mindy to the Council. They both told us a little about themselves and how they came to be staff members. The Council also introduced themselves to Debbie and Mindy, telling them a little about themselves. FR. Gregory thanked them for attending the meeting, and invited them to remain for the meeting. They both excused themselves.

**Parish Picnic:** Chriss mentioned there were just under 100 people at the Parish Picnic.

**Leadership Discernment:** Father opened the floor to the discernment of executive committee members. Members of the committee should be open to the word of God and not shy away from serving on the committee.

Diane read from the Gospel of John 15: 12-16, Chriss and Walter were nominated as Chair, and asked what they would bring to the position. The council members voted and Chriss was elected as Chair for the Parish Council 2021-2022.

Wayne read from the book of Colossian’s 4: 23-24. Wayne, Walter and Greg were nominated for Vice Chair. The nominees were again asked what they would bring to the position. The council members voted and Wayne was elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council 2021-2022.

Kim read from the Gospel of Luke 22:24-27. Diane and Kim were nominated for Secretary and asked what they would bring to the position. The council members voted and Diane was elected as Secretary for the parish Council 2021-2022

**Formation:** The Council read and discussed paragraphs 44,45 and 46 of the Pope Francis’ Encyclical “The Joy of the Gospel”

**Old Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The September 14, 2021 minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

Father asked the council to reflect on the Parish Council retreat. I believe all enjoyed it, and felt it to be successful.

**New Business:**

**Parish Events Coordinator:** Nicole Savage was introduced as the Parish Events Coordinator. Debbie mentioned there were files in the Parish office about community life, and this would be available to Nicole.

**Prison Ministry:** No update on the formation of a prison ministry. Charlie to follow up at November meeting.

**Eucharistic Bread:** Fr. Gregory provided refresher on reasoning for wafer style (host) vs. real bread and what the pros and cons are for making our own Eucharistic Bread. A new ministry would need to be formed for the making and breaking fof Eucharistic bread. The pastoral council will need to discern on the process of presenting this idea to the church.

**Announcements:**  Thanks to Greg Vuyovich for opening and concluding prayers and Charlie Patullo and Kimberly Wood for refreshments.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center.  Wayne Savage will offer opening and closing prayers and Jim Trist will bring refreshments.

**Closing Prayers**: Greg Vuyovich led the Council in closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.