PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November, 9th, 2021

**Call to Order:** 7:03 by Chriss Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Savage

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, Wayne Savage, Greg Vuyovich, Anthony & Diane Coppola, Kimberly Wood, Walter Priest and Jim Trist.

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

**Pastor’s Comments**: Father Gregory opened discussion about Shawn Robert’s death, asking if anyone had anything they wanted to share about our feelings, as well as challenges we face in his absence. ie. Live streaming, website and accompaniment. Some of us discussed our sadness, and a discussion of covid vaccine also took place. A discussion also followed about how people who have “jobs” need to encourage other’s so that we would have a “back-up in the event they are no longer available to do that “job”.

**Formation:** The Council read and discussed paragraphs 47,48 and 49 of the Pope Francis’ Encyclical “The Joy of the Gospel” There was a quick discussion about church doors being locked, and how that necessity came to be with current world conditions. We also discussed whether the church was doing enough in addressing the poor. Are we doing what God asks of us? (Evangelism)

**Old Business:**

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

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

**Eucharistic Bread:** Fr. Gregory provided a draft on how to present the idea to the congregation the change from wafer’s to baking the Eucharistic Bread. He asked that we take it home and see if we feel anything should be added or omitted. We need to let him know before the next Liturgy meeting.

**New Business:**

**Gary:** Father asked that we remember Gary’s Birthday this week. He is essential to our parish.

**Youth**: Father discussed having checked old parish records, where it listed families with children. We all pondered “where are they”, as we have very few in the Youth Group.Diane brought to the council’s attention that back in June, father was considering sending out postcards to try to get people to return to church. He had asked us to come up with phrases, or slogans for the postcards. Diane submitted hers and father took them to give it further consideration.

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**: We discussed the current time for Mass on Holy days, and agreed to change it from 7:00 PM, to 6:00 PM, keeping the Noon mass the same.

**Tent Revival**: Father mentioned how he had done a Tent revival at his previous Parish. We all agreed it sounded like a good idea, and further discussion/planning will be needed.

**Parish Wine & Cheese**: The Parish is hosting a Wine & Cheese Event after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday November 20th.

**Announcements:**  Thanks to Wayne Savage for opening and concluding prayers and Jim Trist for the wonderful refreshments.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center.  Chriss Lawrence will offer opening and closing prayers and Anthony & Diane Coppola will bring refreshments.

**Closing Prayers**: Wayne Savage led the Council in closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.