PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 8, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:05 by Chriss Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Trist stepped up to fill in for Anthony Coppola, and Walter added a reading.

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

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

**Pastor’s Comments**: Father’s first topic was his young adult Bible Study. Only three showed up, but Anna’s Pizza gave us a wonderful discount! The three attendees were Luke and Alex Roberts, and Ryan. They seemed to enjoy it very much, and want to continue to meet weekly.

Father also mentioned that he had received a letter from a parishioner. This family brought their daughter and her two children. The children were acting up, and the parishioner states that they received hostile glares from those sitting around them. This made her uncomfortable, and the family left. A discussion followed, and we are considering having a nursery for families with very young children.

We also discussed again the timing of evening Masses. Most of us approve a 6:00 PM Mass.

**Formation:** The Council jumped ahead, and read paragraphs 110 to 114 of the Pope Francis’ Encyclical “The Joy of The Gospel”

**Old Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The February 2022 minutes were approved by Chriss, and seconded by all There were no objections.

Kim gave us an update regarding the New Directory. She spoke with Bluewater. They would give us a discount, and digital is available. They would charge to keep website updated, so we discussed doing it ourselves.

**Announcements:**

Chriss and Tim discussed their experience at the Deanery Meeting. They met with people from surrounding parishes, exchanged emails in order to network. Tim felt it had been productive. They had split into groups based on what you did for the church, for example, Parish Council Members grouped together, liturgical members grouped, priests grouped and music ministry grouped together. Overall, they both enjoyed themselves.

Discussions about youth ministry, and attendance took place. It turns out, we are not the only Parish to experience a decline in attendance.

The discussion regarding livestreaming Mass, and whether we should continue are tabled for now.

Chriss read a prayer from Cheryl. It was very moving.

**New Business:**

**Events**: There will be a St Patty’s Day Dinner on March 12, and an International Dinner Event, whose date was moved to June 5th after the 10:30 Mass.

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

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center.  Charlie Patullo will offer opening and closing prayers and Chriss Lawrence will bring refreshments.

**Closing Prayers**: Jim Trist led the Council in closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.