

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. TERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 5, 2022

Call to Order: 7:03 by Chriss Lawrence

Opening Prayer: Greg Vuyovich said the opening prayer. He also shared a testimony, and a discussion followed.

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, Wayne Savage, Diane Coppola, Tim Brown, Greg Vuyovich, Kimberly Wood, Walter Priest, Jim Trist and Julie 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. They now have a fourth member, and they intend to keep coming. He mentioned there is a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, with a potluck lunch to follow. Father will lead the retreat.

Formation: The Council jumped ahead, and read paragraphs 115 to 117 of the Pope Francis' Encyclical "The Joy of The Gospel"

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes: The March 2022 minutes were approved by Chriss, who had made one small correction.

We went over the calls and emails sent to the list of parishioners with middle and high school age children. Some had moved away, some no longer attended, most numbers were disconnected, but we did have several favorable responses. We count about ten children, and while that is not much, we will not turn anyone away. We have hope that those ten children will like it enough to bring others.

Father met with Katie Yankowski and the two priests from the neighboring parishes. Together they put together a job description. The other parishes are either not interested, or do not have the budget for it. Katie was positive and supportive. Father also met with a former Youth Minister, who was also encouraging. He said there are youth out there, and we need to get out and find them. Father is to meet with the finance council next, to see what our budget allows. We discussed bundling the position with the need for someone to manage the website, and make it more attractive. We pray that God will show us the way.

Church Directory: We need to reach out to Eric. Deb said she would handle the app, Eric thinks he can do it online.

Eucharistic Bread: Tabled for now.

New Business:

Events: The St patty's Day dinner was a huge success. Kitty's band, Celtastrophe was the entertainment. There were about 180 people in attendance. All who attended said the food was fantastic.

Announcements: Thanks to Greg for the opening prayer, and Jim for the closing prayer. Thanks to Chriss for the refreshments.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Charlie Patullo will offer the opening and closing prayers, and Walter Priest will provide refreshments.

Closing Prayers: Jim Trist led us with a closing prayer.

Adjournment: Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.