

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 10, 2022

Call to Order: 7:00 by Chriss Lawrence

Opening Prayer: Charlie Patullo said the opening prayer. He played us a beautiful song by King & Country called “God Only Knows”

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, Wayne Savage, Diane Coppola, Tim Brown, Greg Vuyovich, Charles Patullo, Walter Priest, and Jim Trist.

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

Pastor’s Comments: Father’s first topic was the advertisements he had placed for a youth minister, and the one application he has received from a parishioner. This person has no experience. He asked that we keep it in prayer. The ads are still running. Father mentioned that if we do not find a full time youth minister, we may have to return to a part time, inexperienced person.

Father discussed the Lenten retreat he led. There were 25 to 30 people from many local parishes. Walter had attended and said that it was very nice.

Formation: The Council jumped ahead, and read paragraphs 118 to 121 of the Pope Francis’ Encyclical “The Joy of The Gospel”

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes: The April 2022 minutes were approved by all in attendance.

Church Directory: Wayne and Eric are set to meet next week. Wayne will give us an update at the next Parish Council Meeting in June.

Eucharistic Bread: Attendance is still not what it used to be. Eucharistic Bread is tabled for now.

We discussed that “young Catholics” on fire about their faith usually go to an evangelistic church, where they have Folk music. We discussed whether more youthful music would draw them in. It led to discussion of adding a Youth Mass, or Folk mass.

Father asked our opinion on the meditation song, whether it should be omitted. Many opinions were offered. It was decided to keep the meditation song.

New Business:

Events: The International Meal is set for June 5th in the Pavilion. People are asked to bring an ethnic dish to share.

The Vision Statement: We discussed changes to it, but decided to leave it as is.

We discussed nominations, and adding another member to the council. The council Litnic is TBA

Cultural: We discussed again Twinning with a Church in Haiti. 50 parishes do this, sharing gifts with each other. We would need people to oversee it and keep it going Charlie will look into it, see what needs to be done to twin with a Church in Haiti.

Announcements: Thanks to Charlie for the opening and closing prayer, and Walter for the refreshments.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Tuesday June 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center.

Closing Prayers: Charlie led us with a closing prayer.

Adjournment: Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.