

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 18th, 2022

Call to Order: 7:02 by Chriss Lawrence

Opening Prayer: Wayne Savage said the opening prayer.

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, Wayne Savage, Diane Coppola, Tim Brown, Greg Vuyovich, Walter Priest, and Pat Moynihan.

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

Pastor's Comments: Father Gregory mentioned that the past weekend we had 69% of the number of congregants as at the same time in 2019. The Parish Picnic was a success in spite of having to have it indoors. The food was good, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our Social Life is vibrant again. We have the return of the Knights of Columbus breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts has begun for the first time since the pandemic. Father has received a lot of comments from visitors about how warm and welcoming our church is. Vendors at the bazaar said we are the best, and people are so nice. Four visiting friends said we were the friendliest church they'd ever been to.

Formation: The Council read paragraphs 129 to 132 of the Pope Francis' Encyclical "The Joy of The Gospel" Our usual discussion followed.

Leadership Discernment: Father lead by asking our current Executives what their position entailed. After we each gave our perspective, he asked for nominations. The first was for Chair Person. Chriss, Pat and Tim were nominated, Chriss was voted to remain as Chair. Next was Vice Chair. Tim, Greg and Walter were nominated, Greg was voted in for Vice Chair. Last was secretary. Diane, Pat and Walter were nominated, Diane was voted to remain as secretary. In between each we had readings. We heard the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of John and St Paul's letter to the Colossian's discussing serving the Lord Christ.

Old Business:

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

Youth Ministry: The position has been downgraded to part time. Father said he'd had an interview that day, with a parishioner. This person was enthusiastic and has come with a vision. She has done some research, is a parent herself and wants to assist in getting kids to come. Father was sure he would offer her the position.

Parish Directory: Chriss discussed with Rita Guest regarding the permission slips, and a digital media policy. She's hoping it won't be a problem getting people to sign them. Jeri Trudeau has agreed to do the pictures. Chriss needs volunteers to get the job done!

Eucharistic Bread: We ran out of time, and did not get a chance to discuss the Eucharistic bread.

Twinning with Haiti School: In the absence of Charlie, and time, we did not discuss Twinning.

New Business:

Events: The Parish Council Retreat is set for November 12th from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

Announcements: Thanks to Wayne for the opening and closing prayer, and Pat for the refreshments.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Greg Vuyovich will provide the opening and closing prayers and Jim Trist will provide refreshments.

Closing Prayers: Wayne Savage led us with a closing prayer.

Adjournment: Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.