

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 13th, 2022

Call to Order: 7:09 by Chriss Lawrence

Opening Prayer: Diane Coppola said the opening prayer.

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

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

Pastor's Comments: Father began by welcoming Pat Moynihan to the council. We all introduced ourselves, and Pat told us a little about herself as well. Father went on to discuss the Town hall Meeting, asking our opinions on the outcome. He explained how he has begun to, and will continue to address during his video messages the concerns brought forward as a result of the Synodal Meetings held last fall. Father asked that we pray about our need for a Music Minister, once Kitty feels she can no longer continue. We will also continue to pray for a Youth Minister, and the youth's to minister.

Formation: The Council read paragraphs 127 to 128 of the Pope Francis' Encyclical "The Joy of The Gospel" Our usual discussion followed.

Old Business:

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

Parish Council Litnic: Although Charlie was not in attendance, we discussed our thanks to He and Ann for hosting our Litnic at their lovely home. The mass was joyous, and the food was delicious.

Youth Ministry: We have still had no serious applications.

Parish Directory: Discussion continued as to how we would update the Parish App/Website for the new directory. We discussed how to go about pictures, and how it must be formatted etc.

Eucharistic Bread: Greg has found out that there are no restrictions to baking the bread in our homes. Father told us that at most all of the litnics this season chose to bake their own bread, so a good majority of the congregation has experienced it. We discussed how pleased we were with this, Walter stating that it was a moving experience for him, and that he felt the presence of Jesus in his back yard. "Vine, fruit of the Land, Wine, work of our hands".

New Business:

Events: The Parish Council Retreat was discussed. Dates were decided, and father said he would contact Melanie Coddington to request that she host for us again. It is set for November 12th.

The parish Picnic is October 2nd.

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

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Tuesday October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. It is election night. Currently Chriss Lawrence is Chair, Wayne Savage is Co-Chair and Diane Coppola is secretary.

Closing Prayers: Diane Coppola led us with a closing prayer.

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