

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**March 12, 2024**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Pat

Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Pat Moynihan, Sarah Flynn, Walter Priest, Joann Holaday, Dennis Tate, Karen Melendez, Charlie Patullo, Tim Brown, Karl Ittner

Opening Prayer: Fr Gregory read the opening prayer.

Vision Statement: The vision statement was not read.

Pastor Comments: Father Gregory noted that he was leading a Lenten Retreat on the Eucharist in Chesterfield. In addition, will lead a day of reflection for Seminarians in Baltimore. He asked for prayers for a successful retreat and day of reflection.

Formation: The council continued reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of St. Therese. We read paragraphs 25-34 and discussed.

Refreshments: Refreshments were provided by Charlie Patullo.

Old Business: Approval of minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were voted on and approved.

Charlie provided an update on the Diocesan meeting regarding Haiti. The Haitian school does not have an address. We are waiting on word from the Bishop, however this could be awhile, as he has had attempts on his life due to the violence in the area. Without the address of the school funds are not able to be sent. Charlie shared several fundraiser ideas to generate funds to meet our obligations for next year. The first is to sell bricks. Three sizes would be offered: 4x6 brick for \$50, 8x8 brick for \$75, 12x12 brick for \$125. There will be an additional charge of \$10 additional for a logo, as well as 2 color options. Orders will be able to be placed online through our parish website.

The remaining ideas included a Chick-fil-A night (night to be determined), an annual campaign, a Scoot's BBQ dinner, a 50/50 drawdown, and selling Haitian goods at the Daffodil Festival next year.

Father Gregory provided an enthusiastic update regarding the Daffodil Festival. He has received materials to pass out and a nice banner to display in our booth. Father indicated he would be present in the booth both days, all day, except for the time he will be celebrating Mass. He requested volunteers to accompany him during the festival. A sign up sheet will be placed in the Commons for parishioners to sign up for specific days and times. Charlie and Karl agreed to use their trucks to transport all the materials needed to set up the booth on Saturday morning, as well as dismantle the booth on Sunday evening.

Karen is having shirts made for volunteers at the festival to wear. She had a polo shirt with our church name and tag line to pass around and will be taking orders. Karen also announced the website is now live and will be turning it over to the staff next week and will no longer be the point of contact.

Father Gregory has advertised the part time position for a youth minister. Sarah reported that Nadine McGrady, Greg Vuyowich, Sarah Linsmeyer, Mary Fowley, and herself are actively collaborating to fill this ministry.

New Business: Tim reported on the Deanery meeting from February 21<sup>st</sup>. Six of the seven parishes in our deanery attended. Each parish presented their activity lists to the rest of the attendees. In this way, all parishes were able to learn what was going on at other parishes and gather new ideas and to present unique activities in their own parish.

Tim also mentioned there will be a Silver Rose Prayer service presented by the Knights of Columbus on April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at the church. The Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Opening and closing prayers will be led by Charlie Patullo and Dennis Tate will provide refreshments.

Closing Prayers: Father Gregory led the Council in closing prayer.

Adjournment: Pat Moynihan adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.