

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
April 9, 2024

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

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

Opening Prayer: Pat read the opening prayer.

Vision Statement: The vision statement was read.

Pastor Comments: Father Gregory noted that it had been a very busy two weeks. He led a Lenten Retreat on the Eucharist in Chesterfield, Holy Week, a funeral, Daffodil festival. Also, he reviewed Easter attendance in 2024 versus 2023. The overall attendance was down 19 people over the Triduum in 2024 vs 2023 – The Easter Vigil was up 50 people versus 2023 and down 69 people for the Easter Sunday masses.

Formation: The council continued reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the 150th Anniversary of the birth of St. Therese. We read paragraphs 35-39 and discussed.

Refreshments: Refreshments were provided by Dennis Tate.

Old Business: Approval of minutes from March 12th meeting were voted on and approved.

Evangelization Update –

Daffodil Festival report. Fr. Gregory gave thanks to those who helped out. A family came by, a mother and 2 kids, that go to St Joan of Arc. She explained that she didn't like the experience of Mass there but goes there for the kid's religious formation. We have a challenge with finding a youth minister.

A discussion ensued about things that could be done differently in future Daffodil Festivals.

-Need a banner on the tent (like many other tents in the festival)

-Having a trifold pamphlet to hand out that explains who we are

-Let people know things going on by handing out church bulletins. "We're having a KOC breakfast this Sunday", etc.

-wear St Therese shirts

-multi-generational people manning the booth, attracts different types/ages of people

Update on parish Mission with Mario Dance April 28 – May 1, 7-8 PM each night. Theme is "Is there more room in your life for God?". Some discussion about having a reception/refreshments the last night of the retreat. Should child care be available during retreat; should there be an age limit of children? Are 2 adults needed each night (not related) to watch kids? Having meals for Mario during the 4 days?

Haiti Update by Walter. The brochure for selling bricks is finished. Need to find a printer. A discussion ensued on how to get the info out – bulletin, brochures in the commons area, presentation at masses.

New Business:

Review of Vision Statement. The entire council reviewed the Vision Statement and changes were made and agreed to.

Baptismal Font Update. Lawrence Mayer designed it and the KOC will help with labor.

Revisit One Day Retreat with Fr. Jonathan. Fr. Jonathan never got back with Fr. Gregory. Fr. Gregory will need to check with Mario.

Pat gave suggestions for handicap seating, ramps and parking (request by parishioner). This will need to be revisited.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Opening and closing prayers will be led by Karl and Diane will provide refreshments.

Closing Prayers: Pat led the Council in closing prayer.

Adjournment: Pat Moynihan adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.