

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
June 11, 2024

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

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

Opening Prayer: Tim read the opening prayer.

Vision Statement: The vision statement was read.

Pastor Comments: Father announced he is leading a retreat June 22-23rd at the Trappist Monastery. Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28th. Litnics have kicked off, June 28th, June 10th, and July 18th are already filled; there are four slots still available to host. Good News Gloucester will be having a March for Jesus on Main St September 21st. Father explained this as a praise and prayer rally and voiced his ambivalence and invited us to share our thoughts about whether we as a parish would be interested in participating in this event. The consensus was we didn't have enough information to make an informed decision and little interest was expressed in participating. Having a council retreat in the fall was discussed. Father is going to find out if Saint Clare Retreat Center in Hampton is available.

Formation: The council completed reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the 150th Anniversary of the birth of St. Therese. We read paragraphs 48-53 and discussed.

Refreshments: Refreshments were provided by Joann.

Old Business: Approval of minutes from May 21, 2024 meeting were voted on and approved.

Haiti Committee: Pat read an email that indicated the Haiti committee will be conducting a 50/50 raffle at the September 29th parish picnic. They will also be hosting a doughnut fundraiser later and a second collection to support raising funds for Haiti. The parish website will be updated with a Haiti giving page as well.

Playground Update: Joann found out that fencing around the playground is not required. Concerns about liability were addressed and discussed. Father suggested letting the kids have an input on the equipment they'd like to have. The vote to move forward was unanimous, but felt a committee needed to be established to assist with planning, logistics; budget and financial concerns; fundraising; physical work or preparing the area and installation of the surfacing and actual assembly of equipment. Members of the council will speak at the masses to inform and request help from parishioners.

Pastoral Council is receiving nominations for 3 vacancies. A box will be out in the commons until July 7th. There will also be a place on the website to cast nominations. Members of the council will speak on this at the end of the masses.

The pastoral Litnic will be held August 13, so new members can attend.

New Business: none

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room.

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

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