

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

July 18, 2018, St Theresa Parish

Present: Fr. Loyola, C.Krestan, B. Zell, T. Adams, J. Heckel, G.Jolliffe, L. Klingler, E. Kupkovits, C.Markham, C. McCormack, J. Plahuta, I. Radobicky, K. Scherbarth, D. Sterzinger

Absent: C. Chacon, S. Gorichanaz,

This meeting was held immediately following a joint parish meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Person Linda Klingler at 7:20 p.m. Linda welcomed the new members to the council, Tammy Adams, Jerry Heckel and our new additional youth representative, Isabella Radobicky.

The minutes from the June 4, 2018 meeting were approved with a general consensus since everyone had received the email copy and found no errors. It was determined at this time that after minutes are prepared and emailed to council members, council members will read and check for errors or additions. After doing so, members will email the secretary with approval vote as soon as possible. When all members have responded and approval has been met, secretary will mark minutes as approved. Parish secretary upon receiving approved minutes can then post them for the parishioners. Questions were asked regarding what to do in the event that a member could not attend a meeting. Council Chair should be contacted and if possible a video chat could be set if necessary/possible.

Kathy S. explained the “Amazing Parish Council” event/sessions that will take place October 17-19, 2018 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Discussed was who will be attending and “place holder” names were submitted so St. Theresa’s (ST) would be represented. As mentioned at the Joint meeting, council members are strongly encouraged to watch the video clip that Linda will email and discern if anyone feels they would like to attend. Two council members are needed.

We next considered the possibility of continuing “after Mass socials” since there were many positive responses to the welcome social for Fr. Loyola. It was determined after much discussion that we will attempt to have one more social August 11-12, 2018. Linda will reach out to those listed as part of the Welcoming/Hospitality Committee to get volunteers. With the Rectory front porch seemingly being the ideal space for gathering after Masses, council decided that in 2019, we will have socials during the ‘good weather’ months (possibly May) June through August.

The issue of pastoral council name tags again was brought to the floor. Now that we have council members in place, name tags will be ordered and it was suggested that a couple of “plain” tags be made. That is, no specific name, in the event that a person should leave and be replaced by another.

Bill Z. reported that the Finance Council is looking for two (2) pastoral council representatives. However, there is discussion of the “New Norms” for all councils and committees which is available on the Archdiocesan website, Office for Planning and Councils. Bill stated that the Finance council is waiting to review the norms, but urged pastoral council members to do the same.

Cole M. gave an update on the project he has undertaken, Youth Focus Social Networking Site, which would be the social media connection for the youth of the parish. He explained that he needed approval and asked Fr. Loyola if he would approve. Fr. Loyola was very much in favor of Cole proceeding with the project. Discussion followed regarding needing an Adult Administrator who would oversee and approve any/all postings. Because of her experience, Tammy A. volunteered to be the adult administrator. Isabella R. also volunteered to assist as an additional youth representative.

Election of Chair position and Liaisons was our next topic. After discussion of the positive work Linda K has done after stepping up from Vice Chair to direct council activities, Jerry H made the motion to have Linda remain as chairperson; motion seconded by Craig M. All voted in favor. Linda agreed to stay as council chair. Fr. Loyola suggested that instead of a Vice Chair, we should have a “Chair-Elect” who would shadow the Chair for a year and then step into the position at the end of the term. Erin K. offered to take the position of Chair Elect. Darlene S moved to have Erin be the Chair Elect; second was made by Kathy S and all voted in favor. Darlene S offered to remain as Secretary and Kathy S agreed that Darlene should stay in that position.

Liaisons to the Committees are as follows:

Building & Grounds:	Jerry Heckel
Feasibility:	Bill Zell, Claudette Krestan
Finance:	Bill Z., Claudette K., Julianne Plahuta, Craig Markham
Religious Ed:	Erin Kupkovits, Gail Jolliffe
Adult Formation & Human Concerns:	Linda Klingler, Darlene Sterzinger
Prayer & Worship:	Tammy Adams
Stewardship:	Kathy Scherbarth

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Religious Ed: Erin K reported a great response to the Vacation Bible School after moving the date and time. 18 students are signed up and there is a need for school supplies. Suggestion was made to have another announcement made in the bulletin and in the announcements.

Building & Grounds: Craig M stated the minutes will be emailed to council members.

No other reports were given at this time since many committees had not met. It was suggested that liaisons forward minutes/or reports, to council members to be more efficient at our meetings.

Closing Prayer: Linda led us in the Our Father.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 6:30 PM at ST JAMES**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger