

## St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2018 7:00 PM, Rectory

**Present: Fr. Ed, C.Krestan, B. Zell, L.Clay, J.Plahuta, L.Klingler, G.Jolieffe, C.Markham, D.Sterzinger**

**Excused: K. Scherbarth**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Lee Clay opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance from the Holy Spirit for our work this evening and in the coming weeks. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A report was given by L. Klingler regarding the Time and Talent sheets and the inclusion of a “welcoming committee” opportunity under Human Concerns Committee. In conjunction with St. James, there will be a simple dinner on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** 2018 at St. James Parish for those who are interested in finding out more about possible service to the various activities at the parishes. The joint Human Concerns committee will be meeting on April 23, 2018 to plan the evening. Suggestions were made by council members to a) have name tags for all participants; b) food could be catered; c) committee representatives should prepare an explanation of all that their committee does so guests are able to see where their interests/talents lie. There will be four (4) meetings each year (alternating between host parishes) so the continuity and interest will build enthusiasm and encourage more members to be involved.

Comments were made regarding the “Pastoral Council Corner” in the bulletin and the wonderful job Kathy Scherbarth has been doing keeping it interesting. The recommendation is that it continues, and Kathy should be the person to do it if she is willing.

The idea of name tags for council members was again discussed. Fr. Ed suggested that it be done and have Judy Hernke order them. D. Sterzinger will contact Judy regarding this.

Lee remembered seeing a poster of all council members in the back of church and asked if that could be done again. The discussion followed that because of “turn over”, it may be a better idea to have the digital pictures framed and matted with “cut outs” for the placement of the photos that can then be easily removed as necessary. A notation on the Minutes showed that Judy would be willing to put a poster together if pictures were taken at a meeting and given to her.

## NEW BUSINESS

With current council chairperson, Lee Clay, moving and leaving St. Theresa, the topic centered around who would take the position. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Linda Klingler would chair the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We as council members will be talking to possible new people to replace Lee and Craig Markham who will be vacating their positions. At this time we also found out that Cole McCormack will be the youth representative for the parish. He has agreed to do so, but could not make tonight's meeting. Darlene will contact Cole to see if he has a personal email address and phone number. She will also ask Judy to make a "place card" for Cole for the future meetings.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building & Grounds:** Craig M. that the budget was sent to the Finance Committee for approval. One item that was in budget was the repair/clean up of the stained glass windows. Bill Zell pointed out that there was enough money in the previous working budget that it was not necessary to put it in this year's budget.

**Feasibility:** Bill Z. reported that Jim Frisch was checking the possibility of securing a lone or note for the new addition. The decision was made to wait until a new pastor is assigned to get his input. It was also mentioned that the committee should keep moving forward on the plans/design so it will be easier for the new pastor to see what is happening/completed. It was also recommended that there be a "progress" meeting for parishioners. This meeting would be an informational meeting regarding the updated plans, costs, fund raising, etc.

**Finance:** Bill Z. reported that the budget is almost ready. There are just a few more figures needed to complete the report. He stated that it should be ready by the next Finance Committee meeting.

**Religious Formation:** Claudette stated that the teacher appreciation dinner was held and enjoyed. There are three (3) teaching positions open for the upcoming session. Fr. Ed told us that the religious formation people from both parishes are meeting regularly to attempt to combine rather than duplicate sessions.

**Adult Formation/Human Concerns:** Linda K. reported that a date was set for the viewing of the movie "McFarland USA". The date is September 24, 2018 at St. James. She also stated that the Soup for the Soul Lenten program went well. Approximately 80 people attended the four (4) week program. Discussion followed about better communication regarding the programs. Suggestions were made to have pulpit announcements as well as an "Email Blast" to all parishioners.

**Liturgy:** Darlene S. submitted minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting. Highlights being the update on Holy Week and Easter schedule. The Lenten booklets were discussed and all thought that this was a good choice. One issue was that there was no announcement of the booklets at Ash Wednesday service which had many people in attendance. Fr. Ed suggested that the books be set out the weekend **before** Ash Wednesday, so people can prepare for the Lenten season.

**Stewardship:** Kathy S. submitted her minutes via email. A copy can be obtained upon request.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fr. Dennis will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa parish. Plans are already in the works for this event. Council members were encouraged to offer help as needed. There will some type of reception following all the Masses that weekend.

There was a discussion of what/how/when the new pastor will be arriving. Fr. Ed believed it would be announced near the end of May and assignment would “possibly” take place in the middle of June. Fr. Ed expects his last weekend of service to the parishes will be the weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned after a prayer from Fr. Ed. Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Monday May 7, 2018 7:00 PM in the Rectory**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger