

ST. THERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

January 18, 2024 Agenda 6:30-8:00 pm

Theme for Church year 2023-24- Building Bridges between Parishes

Location: St. Theresa Fellowship Hall

Remember to wear your Council name tags at Father Jordan's Installation Mass 1/27 430 pm

Excused: Sean H

Father Jordan led us in an opening prayer.

We were joined by Pete Gottgetreu (Finance Council Chair) and Becky Baker (Director of Parish Operations) regarding the recently formed P&M/B&G Projects Group.

Over the past 15 months, Building and Grounds projects that needed attention were approved by Father and accomplished by staff and volunteer coordinators. The Finance Council (FC) discussed this arrangement and supports continuing this arrangement with Father Jordans approval.

Father Jordan, Becky, and two volunteer coordinators will manage Property & Maintenance/Buildings & Grounds projects. This committee will be called the P&M/B&G Projects Group. Father Jordan selected Pete Gottgetreu and Jim Farrell as volunteer Facility Coordinators because of their experience with the Fellowship Hall/Office Project. To keep Pastoral Council (PC) and the Parish informed of the P&M/B&G Projects Group activities, Finance council will provide a written monthly update of activities to be shared with Pastoral council by the FC liaisons.

We then shared reflections on our opening topic- various experiences and observations- with various PC members sharing their stories.

While discussing the various committee reports, Father Jordan shared the proposal to go to 6 PC/FC meetings per year at all three parishes a reduction from our current 10 meetings per year. We will be starting this schedule immediately- there is NO February meeting.

Father also mentioned the concept of migrating to a Joint Pastoral council composed of current members from all three Southern Moraine Parishes. This is something that needs more detailed discussion. We also discussed the current joint committee efforts- Liturgy, Human Concerns and Faith Formation,

Mary Bishop reported that Human Concerns needs more members.

Mary Markham provided 2 handouts to the council- an updated PC roster (with term info on it) and a flowchart that she received at the APC (Archdiocese Pastoral Council) meeting that explains how the Archdiocese handles the various donation appeals.

Mary M also provided a brief update on other topics shared in the recent APC meeting. The Archdiocese Stewardship Committee suggested using the title "Ministry" vs "Stewardship" for the committee that deals with Time, Talent, Treasure and Hospitality. Mary also reported from a book she received from the Archbishop, that we challenge ourselves to "be Catholic outside the door of the Church" and to elevate the language of the Eucharist. Mary also mentioned the use of a "name tag Sunday" as a way to get to know each other better. We talked about adapting the idea to have name tags at a designated fellowship weekend, to help us get to know each other.

Kathy S gave an update on the exterior signage for St. Theresa. This project will include a new sign with Mass times, as well as some directional signage for the church parking lot, and exterior signs for the Parish center and Parish office. The contractor has proposed that the location be close to the sign that blew down last summer- utilizing the retaining wall to the east of the stairs.

We discussed doing a parish census in 2024. We have not done one since 2010 and we agreed that we would create an ad hoc committee to work with Judy, with the goal of doing the census in the Fall time frame (September?). Mary M and Kathy will find one or two other people to join the ad hoc committee.

We also discussed creating a business directory to advertise the businesses of the parishioners of St. Theresa- and potentially the other two parishes of the southern Moraine parishes. Patrice F passed along a sample of a company that creates these types of directories.

The fellowship weekend schedules (2nd and 4th weekends) were distributed by Stewardship (Ministry). Father Jordan reminded us that we can have fellowship on the other weekends as well- just offer coffee and juice/ water.

Father Stephen shared his perspective on the role of an Associate Pastor and some thoughts on his time with our Parish so far.

Father Jordan gave an overview of the Archdioceses Love One Another (LOA) fundraising campaign that St. Theresa will be starting soon.

In a prior meeting, we discussed the St. Theresa logo and our mission. Father Jordan confirmed that we wanted to add "Catholic Church" to our existing logo and our mission "Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world". All present agreed.

Kathy S reintroduced the practice of a standing agenda item on the PC agenda to agree on what information will be put in a digital "newsletter" after each PC meeting. All agreed that made sense- Jodie K and Kathy will work with Judy to communicate the following to the parish:

- Southern Moraine Parishes Joint Human concerns committee needs more members
- All Parishioners can sign up to help with weekend fellowship- see the signup in the hall
- We are looking to host a community "Oktoberfest" with food trucks/ beer/ music in September 2024- any interest in helping make this happen?

Mary M led us in closing prayer.

Next meeting is March 21 at 630 pm at ST. Theresa