

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018 7:30 PM, Parish School

**Present: C.Krestan, B. Zell, J.Plahuta, L.Klingler, G.Jolieffe, C.Markham, E. Kupkovits, S. Gorichanaz, C. McCormack, K. Scherbarth, D. Sterzinger**

**Excused: Fr. Ed**

**This meeting was held immediately following a joint parish presentation regarding the process of hiring an Adult Formation/Parish Life Coordinator.**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Person Linda Klingler at 7:30 p.m. Linda welcomed the newest member, Cole McCormack, the youth representative on the Council.

The minutes from the April 2, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by E.Kupkovits and seconded by C.Markham.

There was a discussion regarding the Adult Formation/Parish Life Coordinator (AF/PF) and the scope of this position. Suggestions were made to include the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Posting site for additional candidates. It was also suggested that in addition to putting in our bulletin and on our website, it should be considered to contact surrounding parishes for their posting of the position. These ideas will be brought to the joint parish Ad Hoc Committee for implementation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda stated that the recommendation of name tags and picture poster for the Pastoral Council be tabled until we have the new council members.

The celebration for Fr. Dennis' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was discussed with special encouragement to get involved to help in any way possible. Also, we as council members should "spread the word" and promote what is needed to make this event possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastoral Council Nominations was the main topic of the meeting. It was decided that we will have announcements for nominations starting the weekend of May 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The nomination forms will be in the pews each weekend for parishioners to submit names. The council will then collect the forms and a sub-committee will call the nominees. After determining who is willing to serve on the council, those nominees will be invited to the June Pastoral Council meeting. A discernment process will determine which people will be joining the council.

There has been a request for ideas for the Pastoral Council Corner section of the bulletin. K. Scherbarth has been doing an excellent job, but would like the council's input for fresh ideas. Some recommendations were to update the parish of the AF/PL coordinator job opening; the on-going collaboration process; relevant issues as they surface and an invitation for questions from the parish community. The discussion continued with what we can do to make new parishioners feel more involved and informed. The issues of a "welcome folder" and flyers with programs and parish opportunities that would be maintained by council members were talked about. C. McCormack was asked how to get more youth involved. He suggested utilizing Social Media such as Snap Chat or Twitter when we have events. He also mentioned that at his high school there is a group, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) that he would try to get more information that could be shared with our parish youth.

As a result of our January 2018 clustering meeting, each parish was to select 4 candidates to form a 12 member team for the September-November training through the Archdiocese. L. Klingler and E. Kupkovits will be contacting people to serve in this capacity. The list that they compile will be emailed to all council members. Council members can also make recommendations and should let Linda or Erin know as soon as possible.

An Agenda item regarding parish member requests had to be tabled due to the time element and the need to work on current issues.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building & Grounds:** C. Markham reported that the committee is working on an emergency response plan. They also wanted to know who was the "cemetery committee" and to whom they answer, who makes the decision and basic responsibility.

**Feasibility:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding the progress of this committee. The council members feel that the parish needs to know what is happening. It was also discussed to have a "communication plan" including an opinion poll from the pews. Both Bill Z. and Claudette C. will convey the concerns of the council to the Feasibility committee.

**Finance:** Bill Z. reported that the budget is set, just waiting for final approval.

**Religious Formation:** E.Kupkovits reported that the Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-28.

**Adult Formation/Human Concerns:** Julianne P. stated that the Spiritual Soup for the Soul Lenten program was successful and there was a good response. However, she asked if there was a chance to find out who was attending. For example, are there the same people for each program; what is the parishioner breakdown for the 2 parishes. Linda K. reminded the council of the Welcoming Dinner for new parishioners to each parish that will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. James. She also shared that the committee talked about the "Local, National and

International” human concerns issues and what plans are being made to inform people of the needs. A high school teacher who is on St. James’ pastoral council is preparing a refugee family from Southeast Asia to come for a presentation, much like the Muslim family who came to speak last year. Linda also reported that a date was set for the viewing of the movie “McFarland USA”. The date is September 24, 2018 at St. James.

**Liturgy:** Darlene S. reported that there was no April meeting due to the weather. Next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Kathy S. asked if there could be a “welcome” to visitors in the beginning of Mass rather than after the announcements. Darlene will bring this to the committee.

**Stewardship:** Kathy S. stated that most of the committee’s work is done, and there is a meeting coming up. She asked if at St. Theresa, the Stewardship Committee is responsible for “welcoming” new parishioners. Discussion followed and will be addressed at their next meeting.

**During the Council meeting,** members of St. James’ pastoral council asked to speak regarding socials for Fr. Ed (thank you/good bye) and Fr. Loyola (welcome). We briefly discussed what could be done and when. Recommendation was for 2 volunteers from each council continue this idea and get possible dates from both Parish Secretaries.

We also discussed changing our meeting night to accommodate Fr. Loyola’s schedule. The recommendation is that BOTH pastoral councils meet on Wednesday nights and use the same format as tonight’s meeting: general joint session followed by individual councils meeting with alternate locations being utilized.

The St. Theresa Pastoral Council meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Monday JUNE 4, 2018 7:00 PM at ST JAMES PARISH**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger