

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

November 8, 2018, at St. James Parish

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

Excused: S. Gorichanaz, C. Markham, C. McCormack; **Not Present:** C. Chacon

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 7:35 p.m.

Since the minutes were emailed to Council members and approved at that time, the record will show that the October Minutes were approved and posted.

Linda Klingler requested that the first order of business be the communication with parishioners, regarding what collaboration means and how to go about presenting this information. Gail Jolliffe recommended that we develop **consistent terms**. There are different phrases being used for several programs. Example: Synergy Team, Parish Leadership Team, Clustering, Merging, and Collaboration. Each of these terms represents different, but similar themes. It was decided to express what COLLABORATION means to the parishes of St. Theresa and St. James. Other terms will be defined as needed. Tammy Adams expressed that after attending the “Heart of the Parish” training on October 27, 2018, she had a better sense that there will be “two campus sites”, St. Theresa and St. James. The programs being offered by the joint committees will be presented together, at one campus or the other. Linda asked Kathy Scherbarth if she would consider continuing to add to the PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER in the weekly bulletin to start giving the parish an idea of collaboration. Kathy agreed.

A request was made by Peter Gottgetreu, Finance Council Chairperson that the PC discuss how to raise funds for the Belize Mission. The mission is in need of building materials to complete projects that have been started. After discussion, the consensus of the PC was to have a second collection, with notifications from the pulpit and in the bulletin one week prior to the collection. In addition, recommendation to have member(s) who have been to St. Peter Claver in Belize, speak/display photos at all the masses the weekend of the collection. Suggestion was made to have parishioners of St. James also be a part of the fund raising...another means of collaboration.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the concept of a monthly newsletter that would be mailed to parishioners. The newsletter would be more than just a calendar of upcoming events or announcements. Cheryl Marotta of St. James handed out examples of their newsletter which also contains a “donation statement” with a reminder payment stub for return in the next collection. Through discussion it was determined that a dedicated person would compile the newsletter, allowing the parish secretary, Judy, to be responsible only for the weekly bulletin, which she currently does. Since there still were many questions and concerns, the topic was

tabled until better information regarding cost, type of articles and personnel to compile it were gathered.

From this discussion, questions arose regarding the parish website. Isabella Radobicky commented on making better use of the site. Bill Zell questioned if there is “tracking” of the visitors to the site and if there should be someone assigned/hired to expand the content.

Another request from Peter Gottgetreu of the Finance Council was to have volunteers from the PC assist in preparing a Parish Survey regarding the building project. Concern has been that there is a lack of communication on the project and if there will be a project. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to give their opinions. Kathy S. said she would volunteer to help with the survey as well as Gail J. The meeting will be set by Finance Council and the Feasibility Committee.

Our next meeting will be held again at St. James, in the Activity Center. The date of the meeting is DECEMBER 5th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be more of a social for both Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, Staff, Committee Chairs, their members and spouses. A brief business meeting will take place followed by fellowship. A “sign up genius” will be created for members to contribute “goodies”. The plan is to group members from St. Theresa’s with their “counterparts” from St. James. This will be a chance to socially share ideas and get to know each other. In the spirit of collaboration, more and more committees will be working together, and by sharing fellowship, the hope is to move steadily forward. Linda and Darlene will compose an announcement that will be emailed to the St. Theresa members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to the length of the two meetings, we did not give Committee Reports.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, DECEMBER 5, 6:30 PM at ST JAMES**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger