

**St. Theresa Parish  
Pastoral Council  
Meeting Notes**

**APPROVED**

DATE/TIME	LOCATION
August 5, 2020	Virtual Meeting/computer or phone
ATTENDANCE ( indicate excused members if any)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● present: Fr. Loyola, Kathy S, Peter G., Claudette K., Tammy A, Mary Bishop, Jerry H, Ben H., Gail J., Darlene S., Chris Waschow, Newel T.</li> <li>● excused: Craig M</li> </ul>	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Opening Prayer	Fr. Loyola began with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes from July 8, 2020	Approved via email
Discernment Prayer	With the addition of our two (2) new Council Members, Darlene led the entire group in the Discernment Prayer that focused on our commitment to the duties, activities and growth in faith as council members.
Father Loyola-Comments and reflections	<p>Fr. Loyola explained the latest Matrix from the Archdiocese. The dispensation for Mass attendance was extended to September 6, 2020. There are still questions regarding how to get more people into church with social distancing still an issue.</p> <p>Religious Ed opens soon via Zoom and the teachers are being instructed on the ways to use this format. Scheduling the different grades was a challenge, since there are families that have two or more children in different grades, and separate evenings had to be set up.</p> <p>Father will be attending a Zoom meeting with the Archbishop on 8/6/2020 and has been attending the webinars for the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) regarding the results of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The Office of Ministry is looking for updates to our FC and PC members, which Father said Judy can handle.</p> <p>Kathy added that she will be meeting with Shelly Evers, St. James PC Chairperson to discuss the upcoming focus on Evangelization theme.</p>
Monthly review of pledges for Together We Build	Peter gave an update on the cash flow of Together We Build, and that he is waiting to get the response from the Archdiocese regarding submission of Form C.
Updates from Previous Meeting	Status of the Catholic Come Back: Mass attendance is about the same. Discussion about the Ushers and how they direct people to pews. Mary B. said some people refuse to wait to be seated and go where they want. (there is no good answer of how to handle this). Kathy suggested contacting Jeff Stuczynski to see what could be done.
Phone Tree/Reach out to Parishioners	<p>Chris W. shared that she had called the 60 people who did not have email. Of the 60, she left messages for 25; 13 are considered “no longer parishioners”; 22 were reached and spoke with Chris. She said the average call was about 20-25 minutes and added that it was an awesome GIFT to be able to do this. Tammy A also reached out to people from the list of parishioners. She reported that there is concern about not being comfortable in the parking lot Mass; most people were following the TV Mass, some on Channel 24; the reception of the Eucharist is troublesome for many that were contacted. Of those Tammy contacted, 12 would like continual contact. Chris W. suggested that the St. Vincent de Paul could look into this and be a source of communication, shopping, etc.</p> <p>Tammy also contacted about 30 people whose responses were similar about returning to Mass: “do not like wearing a mask at Mass”; “do not like the ushers telling them where to sit”; “not getting much out of the parking lot Mass”. Tammy also stated that with the Archbishop extending the dispensation from Mass to September has added to their worry of returning. A good discussion followed.</p>

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	There was a good response to Father’s newsletter that was sent at the end of July. And there is a plan to have parishioners to be able to pick up Missals for their personal use. An announcement is in this week’s bulletin about how to get them.
<b>Liaison Discussion</b>	<p>Tammy reported that Prayer and Worship will be meeting in September.</p> <p>Mary Bishop will be the Liaison for the Stewardship Committee. Chris Waschow for St. Vincent de Paul, which is part of Human Concerns of which Ben H. is the liaison. Craig M will continue as Finance Council Liaison, with Chris W will be the second member. Darlene will continue with Adult &amp; Family Formation (AFF) and the Chair Elect is Tammy Adams. Jerry Heckel remains with B&amp;G, Gail will continue with Religious Ed.</p> <p>Gail reported that there was a Phone Meeting with Laurie, Pam was unable to attend. A question was asked “how many people are on the Rel Ed committee”? The answer is 3. There was a discussion of possible expansion to include a teacher and a parent or 2 to give support to the program.</p> <p>Ben stated that the Human Concerns Committee from St. T’s and St. J’s donated \$1500 to the Family Promise Program. The HCC is looking at a Book Study regarding racial justice. Two books considered were “Racial Justice in the Catholic Church” and “Evicted”. Ben also mentioned looking for other outlets to serve. Their next meeting is 9/14/20</p>
<b>DMI-Survey</b>	As Father reported there have been 2 webinars regarding how to process the information. Darlene added that the “team” will be asked to come together after the next webinar to discuss all the results, and determine where we go from here. There was a question about the Stewardship Committee and the DMI team working together. Kathy will call Erin and Erin will contact Darlene.
<b>Old Business and New Business</b>	Tammy shared that she attended the AFF meeting on Monday and found out about the programs that would work well with the idea of small group virtual faith sharing. She met with Renee Hitt and found that the “Journey Program - A Walk with Christ” sounded like a good place to start with the FaceBook Live -Watch party. “Awakening Faith” is another possible option. Need to recruit Youth Representatives. Talk with Laurie to see if there is anyone she would recommend. Newel is looking for an “organizer” to work with scheduling a list of volunteers for laundering the altar cloths.
<b>CLOSING PRAYER and PRAYER ASSIGNMENT</b>	<p>Tammy Adams led the closing prayer. There were no volunteers for the next meeting <b>September 2, 2020</b> at 6:30.</p> <p><b>Kathy will lead the prayer unless someone volunteers before the meeting.</b></p>
<b>GO FORWARD MEETING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Action items for next meeting</b>
<b>Theme ideas:</b>	Kathy will be meeting with Shelly Evers from St. J to see about collaborating on the theme.
<b>Contacting Parishioners</b>	Chris W will reach out to St. V de P
<b>NEXT MEETING- Virtual</b>	<b>September 2 2020 6:30 p.m.</b>

Meeting concluded at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Darlene Sterzinger

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