

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017- Rectory Meeting Room

Present: Fr. E. Tlucek, E. Kupkovits, B.Zell, C.Krestan, J.Plahuta, K.Scherbarth, L. Clay, L.Klingler, G. Jolliffe, S. Gorichanaz, D.Sterzinger

Excused: C. Chacon, C. Markham

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer by Erin Kupkovits

Agenda Review & Approval of Minutes:

There were no additions or corrections to the November minutes; minutes were approved with the suggestion that the minutes be sent PDF so everyone is able to read them.

Cluster Meeting January 22, 2018:

Fr. Ed explained that the diocese has set up a “working meeting” to move along the process of clustering the 3 parishes of St. James, St. Peter and St. Theresa. The meeting will be held in St. Theresa’s school cafeteria on January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Ed explained the need to be prepared with ideas and a vision of what we as Council members would like to see as we work with the other councils. Discussion followed. Erin, Kathy and Darlene will be meeting to plan the evening. Fr. Ed has volunteered to give the opening prayer. It is important that our Council present a welcoming atmosphere in order to promote effective brainstorming. The 3 councils have met in the past, now we must get to work. Fr. Ed also mentioned that on February 6th, 2018 Rich Tank will be meeting the staffs and leaders from both St. James and St. Theresa in an effort to find out what each parish’s needs are because they will be “open listed” in March. “Open listing” is the availability of pastoral positions in the Archdiocese.

New Council Chair:

As mentioned at the November meeting, Erin K. will be stepping down as the Council Chair due to conflicts with her personal schedule. The job description was discussed and discussion led to who would take the position. Instead of turning it over to the Vice-chair, Linda K. who has scheduling issues as well, Lee Clay volunteered to accept the position. Kathy S. was also interested, but will be unavailable for several meetings also. However, Kathy did state she would be willing to be the liaison for the Clustering small group sessions. Discussion continued with the suggestion that a teen/young adult be invited to be part of the Council. Erin will contact the Junior/Senior High religious education coordinator for possible candidates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds-Fr. Ed and Bill Z. reported that the new sound system decision is getting closer. The committee will be presenting their findings to the Finance Committee at the January meeting. It was also decided by the Building & Grounds committee that the idea of an elevator would not be advanced.

Feasibility-The new addition is still on hold and there was no other report.

Finance-Bill Z. reiterated the sound system decision should be finalized at the January meeting. He also reported that the Turkey Dinner profit was \$17,600 plus.

Religious Formation-Erin K. explained that the first session is coming to an end but will be back in January. A discussion followed about the “Family Based Religious Education” program versus the program at St. James parish. At St. Theresa, the parents attend sessions during the time that their children are in class. Although our numbers may not be as many as St. James, the parents know what their children are learning because they are learning with them. Keeping the current program is highly recommended.

Adult Formation/Human Concerns-Julianne P. and Linda K. explained that there will be a joint Lenten Service program with 4 sessions on the Prophets. There will be speakers, prayer and reflection and soups and bread will be served after the services.

Liturgy-Darlene S. stated that Advent and Christmas were the main focus of the meeting. Linda K. added that a parishioner has offered some angels for the church decorations. Fr. Ed recommended that Christmas decorations be done ahead of time in order to avoid the stress of trying to get it done between the last Mass of Advent and the 1st Christmas Eve Mass. Darlene will contact Christy Lauterbach with the information.

Stewardship-Kathy S. reported that there are only 2 weeks left in the stewardship drive. The fact that 47% of the parishioners have pledged was good news and we are ahead of previous years. There will be a bulletin announcement after the completion to let the parish know the final figures.

New Business-Kathy S. had emailed council members a synopsis of the “Spirituality of Stewardship” conference she attended. A discussion followed regarding the web site and the information that we can use especially as we move toward clustering. A handout on “Worship for Children” was given to Religious Formation for their assessment and possible implementation. Kathy was very encouraged by what the Archdiocese has to offer and stressed that we should be looking into all that is available to us. In other new business, Darlene S. shared that she spoke with a parishioner who felt that our Spiritual needs are not being met. It was discussed that we need to reach out to our parishioners letting them know who we are and

we are willing to listen to their concerns. There are many programs being offered, we need to find better ways of encouraging people to attend. The idea of a newsletter, besides what is on the parish website was also brought up. It was decided that after the Joint Parish meeting, we could look into that. Another new business item was brought up by Gail J. who wanted to know about the St. Theresa Prayer Circle. She asked why it is not mentioned with the regular petitions. Darlene S. will find out what can be done.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: **JANUARY 22, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger