

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2017- Rectory Meeting Room

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

Excused: C. Chacon

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 October minutes; minutes were approved.

Welcoming of Fr. Ed: Erin welcomed Fr. Ed to the Pastoral Council and asked him for any comments. Fr. Ed reported that he has been meeting with other committees from both St. Theresa and St. James and getting an idea of how things work. He also stated that he met with Fr. Mark from St. Peter's in East Troy to discuss the clustering of parishes by 2020. Fr. Ed explained that all three parishes need to look realistically at the changes that will have to be made to move forward. It is a necessity that the three parishes work cooperatively with the separate councils and committees. Fr. Ed pointed out some of the realities of joining parishes and the impact on Mass schedules, programs and activities.

A discussion followed regard ways to actively progress forward. Suggestions were made of having a smaller "core group" from each pastoral council to start meeting now in order for open communication and brainstorming. From that discussion came the idea of having each of our meetings set time for brainstorming for ideas of how St. Theresa parish can progress in getting projects done. It was also mentioned that Suzanne Foster, the Parish Administrator be at the Pastoral Council meetings.

Turkey Dinner Update: Although no one had actual numbers, it was reported that there was a good turn out and increased volunteer activity from the youth. Those involved believed that things went well, but there may have been a slight drop in the numbers of meals served.

Pastoral Council Roster: Erin passed the current roster around for members to check for accuracy/updates. This revised roster will be given to Judy Hernke to print and distribute.

New Council Chair: Due to a change in Erin's scheduling for school in Madison, she will not be available for several meetings starting in 2018. She has requested that a member of the current council consider taking this position. It was explained what the duties of the Council Chair were and the process of setting an agenda, etc. At this time, it was also suggested that the Council consider a Youth Representative to take part in the council. Looking to the current Confirmation candidates would be a good place to start for the position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds-Craig M. said he was unable to attend the last B&G meeting and has not received the minutes as yet. It was mentioned that the cemetery cleanup went well and the volunteers were appreciated. It was also noted that some of the projects are being done, such as the step repair at the east entrance.

Feasibility-The new addition is still on hold until June of 2017, but Fr. Ed encouraged the Council to keep moving forward, as he told the Finance Committee when he met with them. This will show that St. Theresa's is growing. The plan to complete the bigger projects should keep moving ahead.

Finance-Bill Z. handed out the minutes from the last Finance Committee meeting and will continue to do so in order that the Pastoral Council knows what is happening. Bill also reported that about 83% of the Stewardship Appeal goal has been met. With a goal of \$17,000, so far there is \$14,000 pledged. Also reported was a \$15,000 donation is being made to Kevin Tanel, a St. Theresa's seminarian. Bill explained the conditions of the donation for tuition. Also discussed at the Finance meeting was funding for a new sound system.

Religious Formation-Erin K. explained that the Family Movie Night that was to be held with/at St. James parish was cancelled due to lack of interest. It was determined that this was bad timing due to school conferences and other activities. Erin also reported that the 9th graders had been on retreat at Timberlee in East Troy, and it went well.

Adult Formation/Human Concerns-Julianne P. reported that the Blood Drive on November 4 at St. James was a success with a good turnout. She also stated that they are beginning to work on Lenten programs. Linda K. shared that Family Promise will be starting November 12th through the 19th. Sign up has been good.

Liturgy-Darlene S. was unable to give a report because there was no meeting. Advent activities will be on the November 15th meeting agenda.

Stewardship-Kathy S. stated that we are half way through the Stewardship process and of those that pledged (112), 68 pledged on line which is good news because of the cost savings of mailing forms. Kathy also shared the comments in the weekly bulletin seem to be helping people understand Stewardship more clearly.

New Business-Kathy S. attended a conference regarding “Spirituality of Stewardship” and handed out materials that she collected. She will write up a brief synopsis for the next meeting.

We ended with the Our Father and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: **DECEMBER 4, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger