

St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

September 6, 2018, at St James Parish

Present: Fr. Loyola, C. Krestan, T. Adams, C. Chacon, S. Gorichanaz, G. Jolliffe, L. Klingler, C. Markham, C. McCormack, I. Radobicky, D. Sterzinger

Excused: B. Zell, K. Scherbarth, J. Heckel, J. Plahuta; Absent: E. Kupkovits

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 7:30 p.m.

Since the minutes were emailed to Council members and approved at that time, the record will show that the July Minutes are approved and posted. Members agreed that this process works

Linda handed out the Pastoral Council name badges. It was determined that the badges should be worn at all meetings and parish events that require our attendance.

Linda then thanked all PC members for their quick response to the urgent issues that arose between our July meeting and September 1st. Namely the desks for the rectory and the proxy letter to the Archdiocese for the repair of the church windows. The discussion that followed explained the reason for the proxy letter. Claudette shared that there are “norms” from the Archdiocese which specify how matters are handled. All parishes are required to notify the Archdiocese when major repairs are considered. In an effort to make the office operate more efficiently, certain rearranging was necessary. It was determined that new work areas were needed for the staff and the new desks was the best solution.

Linda gave a report on the Fellowship on the Porch for August and stated it seemed to be another success. Following the Masses at 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. there was good participation. After 10:30 a.m. Mass, very little. With this in mind, the decision was made to do the last of the season Fellowship on the Porch on the weekend of September 22 & 23.

At this point of the meeting, the Youth Committee Report was given. Isabella R. showed the members a sketch she has made to symbolize the St. Theresa Parish. She will continue to define it and send finished product via email for comments/approval. Cole M. reported on the social media (Instagram, etc.) project. He explained that there will be announcements regarding the Turkey Dinner and then the opportunity to post photos and videos from the Dinner. Everyone thought that using this means of communicating should increase awareness of the events and news for the parish.

Regarding an update on communication from the Feasibility Committee, Claudette K. stated that there has been an issue with the new building and a reluctance to give out any information regarding the current status. Suggestion was made that the rendering of the new addition that is still on display in the Sacristy be removed. The reason is that several parishioners are

questioning what is happening with the project and with no communication, Council members are in a difficult situation to explain. Darlene S. believes that rather than putting all the responsibility Claudette K., the Trustee/liason, a letter from the Pastoral Council should be sent to the Chairperson of that committee. The letter should state that “at least” tell the PC that the plans are being reexamined, a new proposal is being considered or anything” rather than silence. The PC agreed.

The 80th Turkey Dinner preparations were discussed. People should to sign up for different areas of need. The sale of the T-shirts seems to be going well, but we as Council members need to also get involved. We also discussed the need to really emphasize the fact that this is the 80th Year of doing the Turkey dinner. Gail J. suggested that a banner be made that could be hung on the property announcing this. She gave a suggestion of “Banners on the Cheap” for a reasonably priced banner. Darlene will contact a member of the Turkey Dinner Committee to see if they would consider this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All available minutes were emailed/submitted during the month. The only exception was the Adult Formation minutes (note: the committee is named Adult and Family Formation=AFF). Darlene was not able to attend the meeting, but stated that the next meeting is on September 10th and she will submit a report.

Feasibility

Fr. Loyola joined the meeting as we continued to discuss the new building project and where it was in the process. Much of our discussion was again regarding the letter to be sent and the need for the Pastoral Council to be aware of what is currently happening.

Prayer & Worship

Tammy A. asked about how to obtain monies for new alter cloths. She explained that the linens are showing signs of wear and fading. A discussion followed to determine if Prayer & Worship had money in its budget to handle the costs.

Fr. Loyola reminded us that the Pastor Installation Mass will be held on **November 18, 2018**. Details to follow. Father shared that he would like to have a special blessing for Staff and Council Members at one of the Masses. We need to look at the calendar for when Fr. Loyola will be presiding at a weekend at St. Theresa.

Closing Prayer: Linda led us in the Hail Mary. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday OCTOBER 3, 6:30 PM at ST THERESA**

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger