

## **Minutes of the October 15, 2018 St Therese of Lisieux Parish Council**

I. **Call To Order** - Chairman Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. **Opening Prayer** - Marilyn Hill prayed.

**Roll Call:** Present: Fr Larry, Deacon Greg Willoughby, Peg Sass, Marilyn Hill, Paul Hill, Randy Berd, Dawn Pulcer, Matt Ostrowski, Ted Lang, Pete Connors.

Absent: Ed Pavlica (excused), Neil Fraylick

III. **Approval of the Agenda** - There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

IV. **Approval of September Minutes** - M/B Peg Sass to approve the minutes of the Sept 10, 2018 Parish Council S/B Matt Ostrowski Ayes all.

V. **Guest Topics** - There were no guest topics

### **VI. Pastoral Council Projects**

A. The Council accepted the resignation of Anthony Saurine with regret and expressed their gratitude for his fine work on the Council.

-There was discussion on the security of the building and parking lot and noted the many changes already implemented.

- Discussion on City of Warren training all of the churches within the City for anti-shooter or terrorist methods. Discussion on the possible need for emergency buttons on the altar, the organist and the video booth to call Police in case of emergency.

Discussion on getting Ushers trained, Religious Ed Teachers, staff, others?

Pete noted he would call Shelby Twp Police and Macomb Couty Sheriff to see what type of training may be available to us.

M/B Ted Lang, S/B Paul Hill to place Ushers in charge of emergency protocol and to get training. Ayes all except Randy Berd opposed - motion passes.

B. Paul Hill discussed the Suggestions program.

a. The issue of the American flag was sent to the Worship Commission for their input.

A suggestion was to possibly place the American Flag on one side of the Memorial Crosses wall and perhaps the Papal flag on the other side.

b. The issue on the request from a parishioner to purchase a larger statue of the Lady of Fatima to replace the existing one in the Chapel was discussed. The cost of a 36" statue was approximately \$5000. This item was not in the budget.

It was suggested that someone from the Worship Commission or staff contact AOD to see if they have a larger Lady of Fatima statue from closed churches that might be available to us.

c. Door stops on inside group of doors to the vestibule will be done.

d. Request from a Parishioner for a Middle age adult group - no name

e. Request for quiet time during communion - sent to Worship Commission for their input.

- f. Request for Confession to be held one night per week. Currently confession by appointment. Parish bulletin to note which other surrounding churches have week night confessions - plus Advent reconciliation is forthcoming.
  - g. Chairman Vitale was to talk to Chris Piebiak to enhance the look of the form.
- C. There was discussion on the value of sending a questionnaire to involved volunteers and staff to help the Parish Council set the Parish Goals for the next year and possibly the next 3 to 5 years. Council asked for a possible questionnaire be sent out to Council members and that they critique, alter, and make positive suggestions to be returned to Pete by Monday , Oct 29 so that the responses can be typed up for Council's consideration at the November meeting.

### VIII **Commission updates.**

- A. Christian Service - This Commission will have rotating Chairpersons until a permanent one can be found.
- Market Day - second weekend of November.
  - Artificial Christmas Tree sales by Bernie Biske will be the 3Rd weekend of November.
  - Sr Mary Andrews has a great crew of home and nursing home visitors.
  - The Halloween candy drive for Sacred Heart Seminary is currently taking place.
  - The Adopt of Family program has started and is looking for sponsors and needy families.
- B. Evangelization Commission
- The Commission is considering having a St Paul Evangelization table at the Fish Fry.
  - They would need to ask the K of C and find funding for the \$200 Evangelization kit.
  - North Vicariate Healing Service - At St Isidore on Jan 11.
  - Couples Prayer - going on now with 19 couples and going well
  - Speaker from St Paul Street Evangelization will come to our social hall on either Jan 17 or 24th
  - Discussion on the Welcoming Booth coming in November or December.
  - Ted noted that 50 CDs of the video about our parish will be going into the New Parishioner Welcome pack.
- C. Stewardship Commission
- Randy noted TIME - TALENT - TREASURE were the goals of Stewardship
  - They are working to go from Maintenance to Mission
  - CSA met its goal and exceeded it with 100 less families involved. The Commission is analyzing this information for next year. There was an increase in the number of families pledging \$250 or more
  - discussion on reading bulletins from other churches to keep ourselves current
  - discussion on future analysis of other parish websites for the same reason
  - discussion on the success of the Family Fun Fest. Sponsorships were a great value .

- Randy presented the “Angels Above organization that takes old wedding dresses and repurposes them into sewing burial gowns for hospitals and families who have suffered a loss of a child.

#### D. Worship Commission

- Peg Sass noted an issue with pics for gluten free hosts and how they should be closed on the altar.
- Helen Tocco is recovering and Janet Webster is filling in with others until Helen gets back hopefully in Dec.
- Our Parish is short on altar servers and adult servers - we are advertising in the bulletin

#### E. North Vicariate

Dawn Pulcer noted the following updates:

- Matt Hunt was at St Isidore
- Strengthening Catholic Education - discussion o how to promote
- Fr Tom Winn, a Capuchin priest was there to expand young adult ministries
- Mercy in Action day
- AOD capitol campaign for Catholic Education
- Nov 3 and 4 “Unleash the Gospel” Challenge at each parish in the AOD.

#### IX **Fr Larry’s Comments**

- Fr Larry welcomed Deacon Greg Willoughby and was pleased he was assigned to St Therese as our permanent Deacon.
- The Italian Wedding mass went well but less attendees this year
- Pet Blessings day - there were 50 pets that were blessed
- Mass of Anointing is Nov 3
- Memorial Mass is Nov 4 at 3 pm. Discussion as to why we charge \$5 for attendees for this service but don’t charge for other similar get togethers at our church. We need to follow up on this to see if this is appropriate.

#### X **Next Meeting**

- a. November 19, 2018 at 7 pm
- b. Prayer Leader - Fr Larry volunteered

XI **Closing Prayer** Fr Larry presented an Evangelization prayer and provided copies of it to all.

#### XII **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm