

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	TITLE	TERM	Attendance
Fr. Larry Zurawski	Pastor		Present
Dick Hull	Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Jeff Vitale	Vice Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Matt Ostrowski	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2019	Absent
Ed Pavlicka	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Absent
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Present
Ericka Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Garry Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Neil Fraylick	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Absent
Paul Hill	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Randy Berd	Chair, Stewardship Commission		Present
Diane Bosen	Chair, Christian Service Commission		Present
Ted Lang	Chair, Evangelization Commission		Present
Dawn Pulcer	Vicariate Representative		Absent
Peg Sass	Rep, Worship Commission		Present

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Parish Council Chair, Dick Hull, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

OPENING PRAYER – Garry Fix recited a prayer prepared by him prior to the meeting. He concluded with everyone in attendance joining in a Hail Mary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION by Ericka Fix second by Randy Berd to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION by Ericka Fix second by Randy Berd to approve the minutes of November 20, 2017 as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. MOTION carried.

GUEST TOPICS –

Building Security During Religious Education

1. Building will be locked during Religious Education classes.
2. If student is late for class, they will be “buzzed in” by parish secretary or other available supervisor.

Add Sale of Beer and Wine to Lenten Fish Dinners

1. Per Ushers’ request (not K of C sponsored) to compete with other fish fries in the area.
2. Usher’s would monitor abiding by State of Michigan requirements and would also get State of Michigan liquor license.
3. **ALL** proceeds would go to parish.
4. Council members expressed concern that adding beer and wine would create something of a party atmosphere, not in keeping with the season of lent.
5. It was determined to wait until first few weeks of fish fries during lent are complete. If we are not getting the “sales” desired, we will revisit the idea.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS

Suggestion Program – Paul Hill

1. It has been determined that verbal conversations need to first take place with individual(s) making suggestion(s) for clarification purposes.
2. Paul volunteered to be the initial contact and to revise/simplify the initial data collection process.
3. Any non-pertinent ideas will be determined by person making initial contact (Paul) and will give our thanks for the suggestion.
4. Pertinent ideas will be brought to the attention of the Parish Council for discussion.
5. Possibility of installing a “Hotline” for suggestions.
6. Paul will continue to work on process.

Security Preparedness

1. Lead Security Person/Usher is needed.
2. Randy Berd nominated Anthony Saurine to head up development of a security program.
3. Anthony accepted the task and will begin work on a program, possibly enlisting potential parishioner(s) with this type of background (ie police officer).

Growing the 7%

1. Randy Berd to speak to the Stewardship Commission regarding growing volunteers as part of the revamping of the commission’s time/talent/treasure design.
2. Request John Karski to give a presentation regarding new software replacing “Parish Soft”.
3. Idea to potentially combine “Pizza with the Pastor” for new parishioners and potential volunteer drive with current parishioners.

Term Limits for Volunteers

1. Volunteer Team is needed to recruit parishioners to volunteer.
2. Grooming individuals to replace those who are in command.

MEMBER TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Randy Berd suggested to end the tradition of commission heads meeting after commission meetings being that the same discussion is held at the Parish Council meeting. All commission heads in attendance agreed.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Extensive, thoughtful, faith-filled discussion of chapter three.

COMMISSION UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – Christian Service Commission Chair, Diane Bosen, reviewed the Christian Service Commission Minutes (meeting held January 8, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. The Euchre Tournament has been cancelled for 2018.

NEXT MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 2018-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

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COMMISSION UPDATES (Continued):

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION – Evangelization Commission Chair, Ted Lang, reviewed the Evangelization Commission Minutes (meeting held January 8, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Intercessory Prayer group to begin January 25th and will work in conjunction with closing adoration on Thursday nights.
2. “Pizza with the Pastor” to be held on February 3rd.

NEXT MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 2018-See Evangelization Commission Minutes for additional details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION – Stewardship Commission Chair, Randy Berd, reviewed the Stewardship Commission Minutes (meeting held January 8, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Weekly collections are on pace with previous years.
2. Still waiting on 113 (of 848) CSA Pledges to be completed.
3. Greater awareness is needed of our own YouTube channel as is the need to place more events/news items on the channel.
4. “Family Fun Fest” is scheduled for the first weekend in August, will use the same two-day format as last year, and detailed planning has begun.

NEXT MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 2018-See Stewardship Commission Minutes for additional details.

WORSHIP COMMISSION – Worship Commission Representative, Peg Sass, reviewed the Worship Commission Minutes (meeting held January 8, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Janet Webster is retiring as Head Eucharistic Minister, Fr. Larry has a replacement.
2. Discussion regarding adding an additional EM at masses specifically for serving parishioners who need assistance.
3. Discussion regarding the revamping of choir area and the potential purchase of risers.

NEXT MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 2018-See Worship Commission Minutes for additional details.

NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE – In the absence of Northern Macomb Vicariate Representative, Dawn Pulcer, Dick Hull read information from the North Macomb Vicariate Pastoral Council meeting (minutes were not recorded) held on November 28, 2017. Highlights included were:

1. A “Called and Gifted” workshop will be held at St. Isidore Parish on February 3rd.
2. Legislation currently before the Michigan House of Representatives pertaining to changing the law to allow for carrying concealed weapons at previously designated gun-free zones including churches.

NEXT MEETING-FEBRUARY 6, 2018.

FR. LARRY’S COMMENTS

1. Good Christmas season – Choir and poinsettias were beautiful.
2. Lenten season unusual as Ash Wednesday will be on Valentine’s Day and Easter Sunday will be on April Fools Day.
3. First reconciliations were/will be held on January 14th and January 21st.

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NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2018, 7pm Ericka Fix to lead opening prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Vitale