

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 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	Absent
Matt Ostrowski	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Present
Ed Pavlica	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Present
Erika Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Absent
Garry Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Absent
Neil Fraylick	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Paul Hill	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Randy Berd	Chair, Stewardship Commission		Present
Diane Bosen	Chair, Christian Service Commission		Absent
Ted Lang	Chair, Evangelization Commission		Present
Dawn Pulcer	Vicariate Representative		Absent
Peg Sass	Rep, Worship Commission		Present
Fr. Sama Muma	Associate Pastor		Present
Brenda Manzo	Director of Evangelization		Present
Elizabeth Hull	Parishioner		Present

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Parish Council Chair, Dick Hull, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

OPENING PRAYER – Ed Pavlica recited a prayer prepared by him prior to the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION by Matt Ostrowski second by Paul Hill to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018 as presented/amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. MOTION carried.

GUEST TOPICS –

Brenda Manzo gave a presentation on upcoming special events in the Parish and encouraged the members of the Parish Council to attend if possible.

1. The Miracles of Mary is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00PM (followed by refreshments).
2. The Exposition of Sacred Relics, Treasures of the Church is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7:00PM.
See the flyer describing the events for additional information.
3. We will be hosting a guest speaker from The Dynamic Catholic on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 7:00PM. The topic is “Finding Your Greatness”. Our neighboring Parishes, St. Isidore, St. Kiernan’s and St. John Vianney’s will also be advertising for this event in their Bulletins.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS

Suggestion Program – Paul Hill

1. The program is up and running. Forms are in the rack by the front office. The latest revision of the form was distributed in the meeting.
2. We have received one form so far which Paul is going to review.
3. Fr. Larry approved Paul's request to have the form inserted with the Bulletin at least once or twice per year.

Security Preparedness – Anthony Saurine

1. Anthony gave an overview of where he is with the program and established the priorities which the council agreed should be addressed one at a time until completed.
2. Among the topics reported were: discussions with the Warren, Sterling Heights and Shelby Township Police departments; the "Security Leaders Coalition"; the AOD's use of "Protecting God's Children"; the need to involve other parishioners, especially police, fire and EMT's in developing the program; and an Emergency Pocket Guide.
3. The first priority is to investigate the need for a panic button(s), where to install, training required, cost of implementation, use of current or separate system, requirements for notifying police and fire departments, etc.

Additional detail about the Security Protocol may be obtained from Anthony.

MEMBER TOPICS –

Ted Lang brought up the issue of the screens displayed during Mass. He indicated that many people complain that the screens are moving too fast for them to be able to read them. Ted also indicated that complaints are received regarding the readability of the screens. This issue has been forwarded to the Stewardship Commission for review.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Extensive, thoughtful, faith-filled discussion of chapter six, A New Level of Thinking. The discussion referenced the discussion reported in the Christian Service Commission minutes. Most of us were quite shocked by the statistics presented in the book indicating that the second largest religious affiliation after Catholics is Former Catholics. Also, the statistic indicating that more than 70% of American Catholics do not attend Church regularly on Sunday is appalling. Comments were made that in the past we lost young people after Confirmation, now we seem to be losing them after Baptism.

We were all in agreement that we need to find new ways of thinking and embrace sharing our Faith if we are going to be able to reverse the statistics.

COMMISSION UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – In the absence of Christian Service Commission Chair, The Council reviewed the Christian Service Commission Minutes (meeting held April 9, 2018), especially those items she had identified as most important.

1. There is an uncertain future for the Career Ministry. The Council expressed hope the situation is due to the economy improving and fewer people needing help.
2. Five of the Rosary Makers have completed the Called and Gifted Program and found it to be a highly rewarding experience. The Council expressed support for as many as possible attending the Called and Gifted program.

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3. Right to Life is looking into having a guest speaker come to St. Therese of Lisieux to give a speech. The Council expressed immediate support for this initiative. Paul Hill had a suggestion to have crosses on the lawn if we have a guest speaker for Right to Life. The suggestion has been forwarded to the Christian Service Commission for review.
4. The Parish Council referred having Christian Service provide cubed watermelon at the Family Fun Fest again this year to the Stewardship Commission. The Stewardship Commission chair readily endorsed the offer.

NEXT MEETING- MAY 14, 2018-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION – Evangelization Commission Chair, Ted Lang, reviewed the Evangelization Commission Minutes (meeting held April 9, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. New Parishioner Events (dinners/lunches) have been rescheduled to twice a year. The Next Event will be September 15, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.
2. Establish a Welcoming Committee which will be responsible for scheduling new parishioner events, contacting new parishioners by phone, and mentoring new parishioners.
3. Requesting approval to establish a Welcome Center in the Gathering Area under the TV. The Council approved the project.
4. Next Called and Gifted Workshop to be held at St. Lawrence on June 2nd.

NEXT MEETING- MAY 14, 2018-See Evangelization Commission Minutes for additional details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION – Stewardship Commission Chair, Randy Berd, reviewed the Stewardship Commission Minutes (meeting held April 9, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. The 2017 CSA Goal has been met and all remaining funds collected through the end of April will be returned to the Parish. Our anticipated refund is \$9,700.00.
2. Our next two special events, “The Miracles of Mary” on May 1st and “Exposition of Sacred Relics” on May 4th will be advertised in the Michigan Catholic to draw in families within the AOD.
3. As we transition from “Maintenance to Mission” we should study the impact of eliminating Second Collections by building them into the budget and asking parishioners to increase their weekly contributions.
4. The group will be reviewing “electronic giving” and ways to increase it by comparing costs of various programs including utilizing the “Connect/NOW” software program.
5. As the “Family Fun Fest” grows, there are more expenses involved and it was determined that we need sponsors to help defray the costs of the Event. With skills to be honed, The Stewardship Commission views this as a financial growth opportunity for years to come.

NEXT MEETING- MAY 14, 2018-See Stewardship Commission Minutes for additional details.

WORSHIP COMMISSION – Worship Commission Representative, Peg Sass, reviewed the Worship Commission Minutes (meeting held April 9, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Currently lining up volunteers for Events through June. Anointing Mass on April 21st, First Communion Masses on May 5th, May Crowning on May 19th and Graduation Mass on June 3rd.

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2. Recommend using candles to light the way for cantors and lectors on the altar during Liturgies where all the lights are out in the Sanctuary.
3. Recommend that we change the 8:00AM Mass time for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to 7:45AM going forward to alleviate the issues we had this year due to the length of the additional readings.
4. Recommend we require attendance by representatives of all ministries, including all clergy in the month prior to major liturgies scheduled for Christmas and Easter seasons. This will ensure a consistent process for all Masses.
5. In regard to parishioners with Celiac Disease, the Council recommends that if an individual has concerns about their pyx being handled on the altar, they need to make an appointment to discuss their needs with the Pastor and Associate Pastor. Fr. Muma expressed concern that the parishioner who places their pyx on the altar should not be administering communion to themselves, which is against Canon Law. The information has been passed on to Rebecca, as chair of the Worship Commission, to review with the parishioner who brought their concerns to our attention.

NEXT MEETING- MAY 14, 2018-See Worship Commission Minutes for additional details.

NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE – Northern Macomb Vicariate Representative, Dawn Pulcer, not available to review the Northern Macomb Vicariate Minutes (as the meeting will be held on April 24th at Ss. John and Paul). Highlights will be reviewed at next meeting:

NEXT MEETING- APRIL 24, 2018 at Ss. John and Paul.

FR. LARRY'S COMMENTS

1. Reminder that April 25th is Secretaries Day.
2. Reminder that May 5th there are two First Communion Masses, at 10AM and 1PM.
3. Reminder that we have scheduled the May Crowning for Saturday, May 19th following the 4:30PM Mass in the Rosary Garden, weather permitting, and in case of rain will move to the Church.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 21, 2018, 7pm. Anthony Saurine will lead the opening prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Sass