

Minutes of the St Therese of Lisieux Parish Pastoral Council - Sep 16, 2019

- I. Chairman Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
- II. Msgr John gave the Opening prayer
- III. Introduction of Members/ Review of the purpose of the Parish Council
 - a. Each member gave a brief history of themselves and how long they had been a member of St Therese Parish.
 - b. Msgr. Kasza handed out the Canons of the Church relating to the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- IV. Approval of Agenda MB Peg Sass, SB Randy ayes all
- V. Review/Approval of minutes of May 20, 2019. Randy asked that the minutes reflect that on page 3, section 7 actually suggested 2 two year consecutive terms rather than a two year term. MB Peg Sass, SB Randy Berd to approve the amended minutes.
Ayes all
- VI. Guest Topics - None
- VII. Pastoral Council Projects
 - a. Parish Response to Emergency Situations. Msgr Kasza passed out edited editions of the PRES that was submitted to the AOD in mid August. Parishioners will be made aware of the contents of the PRES as required by the AOD.
 - b. Building Security/ Improvements
Msgr Kasza will check into where we are with all of the security updates and get back with us.
 - c. Involved Volunteer Questionnaire update.
It was decided that all Parish Council Members would name five items from the questionnaire results that would make the Parish more vibrant and to continue our growth and to make the community more attached to their faith.
NB -THESE FIVE ITEMS FROM EACH COUNCIL MEMBER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO JEFF' S EMAIL ADDRESS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCT 21 SO THAT ALL OF THE SUGGESTIONS CAN BE COLLATED FOR PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY OCT 28, 2019.
 - d. "Are you Curious?" Paul Hill gave us an update on the program and discussed how some of the responses to the questionnaire could be in the "Are you Curious" program. Discussion that asked that portions of the results of the questionnaire be distributed in the bulletin each week to give the Parishioners some insight as to the results.
 - e. 2 year term limits and Council/Commissions Succession Plan.
Msgr noted that in previous parishes he had 6 at large members on the Council and the Chairs of the four Commissions and the Vicariate Representative. He had two members selected from interested Parishioners every year and each had a three year term so that the Council was changing a bit each year with new members. He noted that he sometimes had a Youth Member and a Senior Member.

It was decided that in that we currently only had three At large members that we would ask for three new members in the bulletin over the next two weeks and select the members on Sunday, Oct 13 so that they can be present at the Oct 28 Council meeting. Another three members will be selected in June of 2020. Each new member will have three year terms.

f. General version of the budget and year end financial statement.

Msgr passed out a condensed version of the budget and the year end financial statement for Council Members. Discussion followed as to how each parish sends money into there own account with the AOD and receives .05% interest on their money. Requests for Parish Funds over \$25,000 are put in writing to the AOD.

VIII Member Topics/New Business

a. Prayer/ Faith Formation

Msgr John passed out a folder with a number of readings for us all to consider and his ideas on some thoughts and issues that should be considered to enliven creative juices to make positive changes in our Parish.

b. Major issues for 2019-2020 - Msgr asked if there were any burning issues that we need to address in 2019/2020? Is there an elephant in the room that we need to discuss? What should we address in the next year. What critical things?

c. 5 year plan.

i. AKT Peerless audit - AKT firm came out to evaluate the status of our buildings, roofs, parking lot, HVAC, etc and we will receive a report as to what we should be budgeting for over the next 5 years

ii. Missionary Strategic Plan -MSP Msgr informed us that he had requested that St Therese of Lisieux be in the fourth wave of Parishes that will go through the process for the AOD as he is new to our Parish and would give us all time to consider how best to proceed. We found out that fund raising is an integral part of the Strategic Plan.

d. Entrance Procession for Msgr John's Installation Mass at 4:30 mass on Saturday, October 5, 2019 Council and Commission members are asked to be in the Social Hall around 4 pm to lie up for the procession with Bishop Fisher and Msgr John.

IX Commission Updates

a. Christian Service Commission - Minutes had been distributed

b. Evangelization Commission - Ted Lang noted that the Commission was working on encouraging vocations

c. Stewardship Commission - Randy Berd discussed how there would be a new format for next years Family Fun Fest.

d. Worship Commission - Peg and Msgr discussed a request for a 40" statue in the Chapel and how it was not in the Parishes best interest to have "things" in memoriam but rather something like scholarships is more appropriate.

e. North Macomb Vicariate - Dawn Pulcer noted that there is 9 parishes in the North Macomb Vicariate and they would be meeting next week to discuss what the Vicariate should be doing for 2019-2020

X. Msgr John's comments

XI. Next Meetings There was discussion and the Parish Pastoral Council meetings for the rest of 2019 are Monday, October 28 and Monday, Nov 18

XII Closing Prayer - Msgr John provided the closing prayer

XIII. Adjourn Chairman Jeff Vitale adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm