

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
September 28, 2017
Volunteer Hours: 13

Call to Order: A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Education Building, room 2 on September 28, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:34 pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

Members in Attendance:

Mary Soparas, Terri Vigna, Ruth Smith, Emily Gibson, Thuy Nguyen, Angie Mallar, Peter Elliott, Gene Dollander, Don DeClue, Matt Edmonson, Dennis Crowley, Greg Francisco, Cathy McManus, Jean Ruddy, Larry Baird, Sharon Vincent, David Wilkie and Lee Ann Molini

Members Excused:

Bob Amy, , Colleen Lang, Paula Spaulding, Alan Thornton, Holly Nail, Gina Jenkins

Guests in Attendance: Deacon Joe Soparas

Opening Prayer: Deacon Joe

Guest Comments—NA

Approval of minutes: The August 2017 minutes were approved.

Ad Hoc Ministry Reports:

- Finance- No Report
- Communications—Gina. Written report submitted.
 - Website update training and guidelines will be offered for those that are interested. The training is scheduled for Oct 11, 5:30 pm. The location to be determined.
- Hispanic Ministry—Angie.
 - The Hispanic ministry has been reorganized and now has 5 main ministries.
 - A workshop for Lectors will be held on Saturday.
 - All night adoration will be held on the last Friday of the month in the chapel from 7pm – 8am on Saturday.
- Vietnamese Ministry—Thuy.
 - An in-home prayer ministry is being developed. Prayer evenings in the homes of the parishioners are to be scheduled once monthly. The participants will prayer together in a different home each month from about 9pm-10pm.
 - Fr. Mike reported that both the Hispanic and Vietnamese ministries and parishioners are making great progress in becoming more involved with St. Teresa's activities and programs.

Standing Ministry Reports

- Facility---Matt.
 - Between 30-40 volunteers attended the recent Work Day, to include the American Heritage Girls. The October 21 Work Day is in the process of being planned. Seven new parishioners requested information as a result of the recent Time and Talent weekend. Machinery is needed to assist with the upkeep of the pond area. Discussed was the option of

renting machinery so that the people who will use the equipment may have the opportunity to try options and recommend what they feel is required and most beneficial.

- Education and Evangelization—Emily.
 - The recent men's retreat was attended by approximately 65 men. The women's retreat is being planned at this time and a speaker is being pursued.
 - There is a need for assistants to help with special needs children during Faith Formation on Sundays. Please contact Miriam for additional information.
 - During the January/February 2018 time frame the first formal catechist certification program will begin. The training is normally completed within a 9 month period. Training includes some Saturday class attendance. The cost is not known at this time.
- Parish Life-- Cathy & Don.
 - The ministry is working on the Parish Picnic and the fall Troop Dinner. Next steps include advertising.
 - The Knights will have a roadside cleanup and plan to have a repeat activity in the spring. They are pursuing all four churches in the immediate area to participate with the Knights preparing and serving lunch.
- Stewardship—Peter.
 - The Fall Time and Talent weekend was very successful. Between both this year's T&T fairs about 100-110 parishioners signed up for ministries, and their names have been submitted to ministry chairs. Next year the annual T&T fair will be held only once in the fall. Using ½ of the PLC worked out well.
- Worship—Ruth.
 - Since the time of special evening Masses has changed from 8pm to 6pm, it is more difficult to find EMHC for the Masses.

Old Business: None

- **International Gala.**
 - The Gala was well attended and raised \$4062. The many talent show participants enjoyed the evening as did the audience.
- **Hymnal Board Update.**
 - The request to have additional hymn boards located at the sides of the church is being taken under advisement.
- **STA 50th Anniversary.**
 - The overall plan for the anniversary year will be released by Christmas. The theme of the 50th Anniversary will be displayed at every event during the 2018 year. The Anniversary will be celebrated during all events to include spiritual, educational, and social activities.
- **Car Show and Trunk or Treat.**
 - Concerns related to these two events being in conflict since they were scheduled on the same day/evening have been resolved.

New Business:

- **Emergency Protocol.** Deacon Joe.
 - A draft to assist parishioners in the event of a medical emergency has been developed and is in the process of being reviewed. Parish Council members will be asked to review the document and provide feedback to Deacon Joe. The final product will be presented when complete.
 - The application for SHOW was sent to the Columbia County Sheriff Dept.
- **IOP Commitment Sunday.** Deacon Joe.
 - The weekend of Oct 28 and 29 will be the IOP Commitment weekend.
 - Envelopes will be used this year to ensure privacy and will be collected in the collection baskets.
 - Fr. Mike reported that parishioners would be receiving packets in the mail.
 - There is a major effort to obtain actual parish census information. Cards will also be distributed to gather census information, due by Nov 15.
- **Master Calendar Upcoming Events-**
 - Sept 29-30 Night Adoration
 - Sept 30- CCW Tea
 - Oct 7- Blessing of Animals
 - Oct 14- Parish Picnic
 - Oct 15- Feast of St. Teresa of Avila
 - Oct 21- Deanery Clergy/Religious Appreciation Dinner
 - Oct 21 Parish Work Day
 - Oct. 28- Car Show
 - Oct 28- Saints Festival
 - Oct 28-29 IOP Commitment Sunday
 - Oct 27-28- Night Adoration
 - Nov 1-All Saints Day/Relay for Life Luminary Procession
 - Nov 2- All Souls Day
 - Nov 8 Troop Dinner
 - Nov 18- Thanksgiving Dinner
 - Nov 24-25 Night Adoration
 - Dec 2- Breakfast with Santa
 - Dec 10- Christmas Play
 - Dec 11- Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Dec 15- Noel Concert
 - Dec 18-20- Advent Hispanic Mission
 - Dec 29-30 Night Adoration

Open Discussion. None

Pastor's Comments—Fr. Mikes expressed his sincere thanks to everyone for all their efforts to make this parish so successful. And to please 'keep doing what you are doing.'

Closing Prayer- Hail Mary

Adjournment. 8:25 pm.