

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
February 23, 2017
Education Building, Room 12, 6:41 pm.
Volunteer Hours: 10

Call to Order: A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Education Building Room #2 on February 23, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:41pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

Members in Attendance:

Fr. Mike Ingram, Deacon Joe Soparas, Mary Soparas, Rita Lovering , Don DeClue, Terri Vigna, Alan Thornton, Thuy Nguyen, , David Wilkie, Peter Elliot, Lee Ann Molini, Emily Gibson, Gene Dollander, Paula Spaulding, and Angie Mallar.

Members Excused:

Bob Amy, Tim Przybysz, Patrick Matheny, Chris Eckert, Ruth Smith, Gina Jenkins, Joyce Broughton

Guests in Attendance: NA

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ingram.

Approval of minutes: There was not a quorum. The January minutes were not approved.

Ad Hock Ministry Reports:

- Finance—Mary reported a correction to this month's report: The major donor contribution was \$197,045.96.
- Communications. No report.
- Hispanic Ministry. Angie.
 - There were 40 couples who attended the retreat on Feb 11.
 - The Diocese is planning an Encuentro for next year. The Bishop has requested that the Pastor appoint a chair for this event. Ideas and plans are needed for this event and can be forwarded to Terri at the Parish Office.
- Vietnamese Ministry. Thuy.
 - The Vietnamese New Year Celebration was a great success.

- Fr. Peter will have a Lenten Retreat on 3-8-17, from 830am – 930am

Standing Ministry Reports

- Facility—Gene.
 - Last Saturday was the final cleaning for the last 100 chairs. The areas around the Church entrance, doors, and outside the chapel were also cleaned. The workday for March is canceled. The April 22 workday will be used to clean the kitchen.
 - Many Hands Make Light Work days will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
 - The new STA van is reserved to take RCIA participants to Savannah.
- Christian Service—Pat- No Report
- Education and Evangelization— David, Emily
 - The August Men's Retreat is being planned for the weekend of August 18. This will be a 2-day retreat. There are two presenters who have been identified as considerations for the event: Deon Schadt or Gus Lloyd . A decision will need to be made to ensure that the speakers are available and so that appropriate accommodations can be made.
 - Earth Day concert. This concert is projected to be held on the same day as the Stewardship T&T event. This is projected to be a free indoor concert.
 - Another concert is projected for May 14, Mother's Day. The Mark Schultz and JJ Weeks Band to perform. Tickets are \$20.
 - The women's retreat was a great success.
- Parish Life—Rita, Paula, Don
 - March 3rd is the first of the soup and sandwich and Friday dinners served following the Stations of the Cross.
 - Next year programs that are being planned include the 2nd annual Parish Picnic, a Valentines Dance, and a Super Bowl Party.
 - The Newcomers reception last weekend has a record attendance of 39 new parishioners. A discussion was held regarding the timing of the reception in order to accommodate Vietnamese and Hispanic Ministries participation. There is conflict as the Masses are during the

same time period. The next Newcomers reception is scheduled for May 28.

- The KofC hosted a pancake breakfast on Feb 19 and raised \$1000 for the pavilion.
- Stewardship—Peter.
 - April 22-23 is the Time and Talent Weekend. To date, there has been minimal response from ministries to host tables and/or participate. Those interested in having tables/booths should get in contact with Peter.
- Worship— no report.

Old Business:

- Deacon Joe. IOP update. There was a total of \$480,909.23 committed to the offertory this year. There was a 40% parish response this year which is almost double the national response.
- Parish Council Elections will be held May 20-21. Some of the PC members have decided to remain in their positions for an additional year. There are several positions that will be vacated. There will be an announcement at all Masses this weekend that individuals can be nominated to serve on the 2017-2018 Parish Council. Nominations can be submitted at this time.

New Business:

- BAA promotion. The Bishop's message for the next year's Bishop's Annual Appeal will be presented this next weekend via video during all Masses.
- Golf Cart Assistance. There is a need to have volunteers assist parishioners from the parking lot to the church. A golf cart will be used for this transport. Volunteers will need to be identified and this service will be available at all Masses. Recommendations were made to have this become a Ministry and that information be available at the April Time and Talent weekend.
- Master Calendar Upcoming Events- Any concerns
 - March 1- Ash Wednesday
 - All Lent- Fish Fry/Soup & Sandwich
 - All Lent- Stations
 - March 6 Fr. Godfred's Lenten Series begins
 - March 25-26 – Rosary for Unborn Children after all Masses
 - March 25 Eric Genuis Concert

- March 26 Confirmation
- April 22-23 - Time and Talent Weekend
- April 23 - Relay for Life
- April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 13 - First Communion
- May 14 - May Crowning
- May 20/21- PC Elections
- June 5-9 VBS

Open Discussion.

- Terri. The budgets are due tomorrow.

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Mike commented that there are so many things going on that it is overwhelming, but overwhelming in a very wonderful and positive way. We need to make the attempt to bring in new leadership and mentor them to ensure that as seasoned PC members relinquish their duties that new parishioners are ready to assume the responsibilities. All of the programs at St. Teresa's are going well and together we are changing lives. God continues to bless all of us.

Closing Prayer- "Growing Together in Faith"

Adjournment. 8:02pm.