

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
March 23, 2017
Education Building, Room 12, 6:35pm.
Volunteer Hours: 15

Call to Order: A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Education Building Room #2 on March 23, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:35 pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

Members in Attendance:

Fr. Mike Ingram, Mary Soparas, Gina Jenkins, Rita Lovering , Terri Vigna, Fr. Peter, Alan Thornton, Thuy Nguyen, David Wilkie, Peter Elliot, Lee Ann Molini, Emily Gibson, Patrick Matheny, Ruth Smith, Joyce Broughton, Angie Mallar, Gene Dollander, Deacon Joe Soparas.

Members Excused:

Bob Amy, Tim Przybysz, Chris Eckert, Don DeClue, Paula Spaulding.

Guests in Attendance: NA

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ingram.

Approval of minutes: The January & February minutes were approved.

Ad Hock Ministry Reports:

- Finance—Terri distributed the 2017-2018 budgets that were unanimously approved by the Finance Committee. PC members were asked to review their budgets and express concerns or ask questions of Fr. Mike and/or Terri no later than next Monday.
 - The projected revenue for the next year is \$2.9M with expenses projected to be \$2.8M. The offertory is projected to have an increase of \$300,000 next year.
- Communications.
 - STA has the most Facebook followers in the Diocese and about 19,000 unique users.
 - Ministries will be asked to update website information with current names, activities, etc, and forward the current information to Rhonda Thornton.
 - The Education building now has access to free WiFi. WiFi access will be expanded to the Day Chapel.
 - There has been a very positive response to the daily Lenten Flocknotes being emailed to parishioners.
- Hispanic Ministry. Angie.
 - The Hispanic Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to participate in Adoration on the last Friday of the month from 7pm to 7 am. The next Adoration will be 3-31-17.

- Following Holy Thursday Mass, the cultural tradition of attending 7 Churches in the local area will be practiced.
- Vietnamese Ministry. Thuy.
 - The New Year's Celebration was a great success.

Standing Ministry Reports

- Facility—Gene.
 - All chairs have been covered/reupholstered.
 - There are no activities scheduled for March.
 - April 22 is a Kitchen Clean Up day.
- Christian Service—Pat-
 - Child Enrichment has a need for donated diapers.
- Education and Evangelization— David, Emily
 - There are 90 youth who are to be Confirmed this next weekend.
 - The August Men's Retreat is being planned for the weekend of August 18. This will be a Deanery event and be held in the PLC at STA. There is an expectation that 100 men will attend.
 - The Earth Day concert has been canceled.
 - The youth and KOC will be assisting with the May 14, Mother's Day concert.
 - About 30 youth are planning to attend the Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference. This is double the number of youth who attended last year.
 - On the first weekend of May, there will be a middle school retreat.
- Parish Life—Rita
 - The St. Patrick's Friday night Soup and Sandwiches dinner had the largest group of parishioners in attendance this Lenten season.
 - During the discussion about the Friday night Fish Fry and Soup & Sandwiches dinner, Fr. Mike informed the group that Fr. Godfred would have a slide show presentation to let parishioners see how the wells were built in Ghana and how the generosity of the STA parishioners has helped children and families to have fresh water.
 - Jessica Winter will take over the Presidency of the PCCW for the next year.
 - Rosaries will be purchased for the First Communion youth.
- Stewardship—Peter.
 - The Time and Talent weekend is slated for April 22-23. Gina will assist with creating a slide show that will be ongoing during the event. There will be a raffle of 3 Bibles for those persons who sign up to become members of a Ministry. Food and refreshments will be served as appropriate following all Masses. A children's table with games and activities will be available so that parents will be able to visit all booths and explore opportunities. Parishioners are asked to provide pictures of previous events so that they may be exhibited and show stewardship in action. Vietnamese & Spanish interpreters will be present after the Vietnamese & Hispanic Mass.

- Worship— Ruth and Joyce.
 - There is a great need to for assistance with the sound ministry.
 - A meeting with the ushers is scheduled for this weekend in the large conference room.

Old Business:

- Parish Council Elections. There has been significant interest in parishioner participation, and several persons have been identified as candidates. The parishioners who have been identified include: Dennis Crowley, Greg Francisco, Larry Baird, Matt Edmondson, Jean Ruddy, Holly Nail, Virginia Martin, Sharon Vincent, Colleen Lang, and Donna Domyslowski. Biographies and pictures are being collected, and will be on display in the Parish Life Center as of April 29, 2017. The election will be held on May 20-21. There will be announcements after Mass and information published in the bulletin related to the timelines and the election process. Absentee ballots will be available May 6 in the parish office.
 - STA 50th Anniversary. This celebration is scheduled for the Sep 3, 2018 timeframe, and activities will most probably be planned for several days during that weekend/week and not be constricted to only one day. A committee is being formed to initiate the planning. Advertisement/flyers and information will be available in the bulletin, in the back of the church, and was sent home through Mother's Day Out . The planning group will have their first meeting on May 1, at 630pm, in the Education building.
- Volunteers are needed for the Golf Cart service that is planned to be available to assist parishioners from their cars to the church. There is a need to have volunteer drivers cover all Mass times before this service can be offered. This group would be under the Christian Service Ministry.

New Business:

- There has been a request to have additional collection envelopes available for new parishioners. Extra envelopes are kept in the storage room and may be distributed as needed.
- Volunteers have offered to make the drapes for the outdoor Lenten crosses. A black drape will be used for Good Friday and a White drape for Easter Sunday.
- Master Calendar Upcoming Events- Any concerns
 - All Lent- Fish Fry/Soup & Sandwich
 - All Lent- Stations
 - March 25-26 – Rosary for Unborn Children after all Masses
 - March 25 Eric Genuis Concert
 - March 26 Confirmation
 - March 28 St. Teresa's Penance Service
 - April- Fr. Godfred's Lenten Series ends 4-12
 - 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 14- Mother's Day Concert
- May 20-21- PC Elections
- June 5-9 VBS

Open Discussion.

- To date, Relay for Life has raised \$10,000 and continues to sell T-shirts for \$10.
- KOC purchased an ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy center at a price of \$13K.
- KOC is collecting canned foods until April 12.
- The annual STA Easter Egg Hunt is being planned and will be held after the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Mike asks that all parishioners come together to make STA one large homogenous community. He commended Fr. Peter's great progress in increasing the Vietnamese parishioners' interest in becoming more involved in all of STA activities. Fr. Mike also commended the Hispanic ministry for demonstrating increased participation in all activities. During the next few weeks and months, there will be several priests at our Parish to assist in the support of the Spanish Masses. Hopefully in July, a more permanent solution for a Hispanic priest will be available. Fr. Mike stated that everything at STA is going incredibly well and that everyone is pitching in and working as one big family. He announced that projectors and screens for the front 6 rooms of the Education building are being purchased. Similar equipment will soon be purchased for the back rooms of the Education building. In the near future, parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase blue golf shirts and/or baseball caps with a white and gold STA logo.

Closing Prayer- "Growing Together in Faith"

Adjournment. 7:58pm.