

**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
April 27, 2017**

**Education Building, Room 2**

**Volunteer Hours: 13**

**Call to Order:** A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Education Building Room #2 on April 27, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:40pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and recording the minutes.

**Members in Attendance:**

Fr. Mike Ingram, Mary Soparas, Rita Lovering , Terri Vigna, Alan Thornton, Thuy Nguyen, David Wilkie, Peter Elliot, Patrick Matheny, Ruth Smith, Angie Mallar, Gene Dollander, Don DeClue, Chris Eckert, & Deacon Joe Soparas.

**Members Excused:**

Bob Amy, Tim Przybysz, Paula Spaulding, Gina Jenkins, Lee Ann Molini, Emily Gibson, & Joyce Broughton

**Guests in Attendance:** NA

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Joe

**Approval of minutes:** March minutes were approved.

**Ad Hoc Ministry Reports:**

- Finance- Fr. Ingram stated all is well.
- Communications- No Report
- Hispanic Ministry. Angie.
  - Fr. Mesa & committee made a presentation explaining the V Encuentro program for parish involvement. Information meetings are Monday, May 21 @ 7pm and Wed, May 24 @ 10am. Both meetings are in the PLC.
    - ❖ Create small groups: Anglo, Hispanic, Vietnamese, & Youth. Fr. Ingram hopes to have 20-25 Anglo groups
    - ❖ Small groups meet several times during June & July
    - ❖ Small group leaders meet Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss group ideas and answer questions in booklet
    - ❖ Aug 31<sup>st</sup> answers sent to USCCB, etc.
- Vietnamese Ministry- Thuy -Nothing new to report at this time.

**Standing Ministry Reports**

- Facility-Chris.
  - Emphasized chair repair turn-in procedure and avoid clothes with metal that could scratch pews. He asked that all committees tell this to their respective groups.
  - Next many hands work day is on May 20<sup>th</sup> with Kitchen cleaning and more.
- Christian Service-Pat
  - Food collections should be non-perishable only.
  - Mary suggested that Vietnamese & Spanish put this in their bulletin
- Education and Evangelization- David
  - More tickets need to be sold for the Mother's Day Music Concert. They are available after all Masses in the PLC, in the office and at the door.
  - Men's Retreat will be Aug 25/26 with Gus Lloyd
  - Graduation Dinner is May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Parish Life-Rita & Don
  - CCW dinner will be May 10<sup>th</sup> @ Eli's
  - CCW yard sale is July 29th
  - Fellowship after Mass through May; summer off and then will resume
  - K of C- Don announced formation of Hispanic Round Table, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team, & Council has reached the Double Star Council level; shooting for a Triple Star Council award.
  - Next Newcomers Reception is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Alan- Relay for Life Balloon Release was a success. St. Teresa's has raised \$12,000; our goal was just \$5,000. April 29<sup>th</sup> @ Lady A Amphitheater is the Columbia County Relay for Life Event
- Stewardship-Peter & Alan.
  - 52 signed up at the T & T Fair which will be contacted in next few weeks.
  - Reviewing idea of possible Sept. T & T for next time
  - Reviewing idea of having a ministry highlighted monthly in the PLC Lobby after all Masses; bulletin articles to coincide with this.
  - Bibles won by Rose Wilkinson, Carleen Basciano, & Maureen Bravo
- Worship- Ruth
  - Concerned with people parking their cars at the portico blocking area for handicap drop off. This will be monitored for feedback.

**Old Business:**

- Parish Council Elections- Pictures, & Bio's will be on display in the PLC Lobby starting this weekend. Also pictures of candidates displayed on Media Boards. Absentee ballots available May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parish office

**New Business:**

- Traffic after Mass- Gene concerned with lack of police to direct traffic after Mass. He is to arrange a meeting with himself, Fr. Ingram & County/DOT Traffic Engineers.

**Open Discussion:**

- Terri- Please schedule all your events and meetings now for next year
- Terri- introduced St. Teresa's golf shirts & caps; shirts- \$35 caps- \$18
- Master Calendar Upcoming Events- Any concerns
  - April 29- Columbia County Relay for Life
  - April 30 – K of C 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary
  - May 13- First Communion
  - May 14- May Crowning
  - May 20-21- PC Elections
  - June 5-9 VBS

**Pastor's Comments:** Fr. Ingram thanked everyone for their service.

**Closing Prayer-** "Growing Together in Faith"

**Adjournment.** 8:13pm.