

**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
May 25, 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 May 25, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:38pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

Members in Attendance:

Fr. Mike Ingram, Mary Soparas, Rita Lovering, Terri Vigna, Alan Thornton, David Wilkie, Patrick Matheny, Ruth Smith, Don DeClue, Paula Spaulding, Lee Ann Molini

Members Excused:

Bob Amy, Tim Przybysz, Gina Jenkins, Emily Gibson, Thuy Nguyen, Angie Mallar, Gene Dollander, Peter Elliot, & Joyce Broughton

Guests in Attendance: NA

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ingram

Approval of minutes: April minutes could not be approved, there was not a quorum.

Ad Hoc Ministry Reports:

- Finance- Fr. Ingram reported that there was a Finance meeting the previous Tuesday evening. An additional \$250K will be paid towards the principle in addition to the normal monthly fee in May. He also stated that there is a possibility that another \$200K will be paid towards the principle in June due to the generosity of Parishioners and the frugal staff. The offertory has increased almost \$500K in the past two years. The bulletin will be updated in the near future to reflect the debt reduction progress. The next project will be a Youth Center that is planned to have classrooms, offices, a gym, fitness area, showers and lockers, etc. The goal is to have our Church be the center of parish life. The timeline for the Youth Center will be 2017-2018. Staff will visit other churches and develop ideas for the Center; In 2018, plans will be submitted to architects and carpenters; Fall 2020, completion and dedication. The goal is to complete the project for under \$5 million, and the payments are projected to come from the Offertory.
- Communications—No Report
- Hispanic Ministry—No Report
- Vietnamese Ministry—No Report

Standing Ministry Reports

- Facility-No Report
- Christian Service-Pat
 - A trip to the Monastery in Commerce, GA, is scheduled for 6-7-17.
- Education and Evangelization- David
 - Father's Day cards are available for the next two weekends. Donations will support Youth programs.
 - Youth activities continue as previously planned and scheduled.
 - A Men's Retreat is scheduled for Aug 25-26 and will be offered as a community/ CSRA event. Gun Lloyd has been retained for this event.
 - The Edge program needs more volunteers to assist with the numerous activities.
- Parish Life-Rita, Don, & Paula
 - Coffee and Donuts will be provided one more Sunday before the summer. A new volunteer is needed to organize and oversee this weekly event projected to resume again as of August 20.
 - The CCW yard sale is July 29th. The CCW has obtained a large shed and they are able to store donated items in advance of these type activities. This year, items such as TV's, computers, clothes, shoes will not be collected. Large furniture items will be accepted. Fr. Mike stated that 2 apartments would be built

on the second floor of the rectory, and there was a need for furniture for both these apartments.

- Next Newcomers Reception is May 28th. Eighty-two parishioners were called with a positive RSVP response of 30.
- The proceeds from KOC pancake breakfast scheduled for Jun 11 are for the pavilion. The groundbreaking will take place in the next few weeks.
- The KOCs were awarded numerous awards at State Convention in Savannah. STA Knight Don DeClue was awarded Knight of the Year.
- Stewardship-- Alan
 - The Time and Talent weekend was successful. Names of parishioners who voiced interest in participating in ministries were asked to provide their names and contact information. This information was forwarded to ministry chairs for follow up. Recommendation from the T&T committee is to move the T&T weekend to the Fall.
- Worship- Ruth
 - There will be one Corpus Christi procession this year on the weekend of Jun 18-19. The procession is scheduled for 3pm following the bilingual Mass at 2pm which will be celebrated by Fr. Mesa. All are invited to attend and participate.

Old Business:

- Parish Council Elections—The election took place with 174 ballots submitted. Elected were Jean Reddy and Larry Baird. A dinner meeting will be held next month in the PLC, rooms 4, 5, and 6. To have more participation in the election process, it is recommended that in addition to the opportunity to vote on the election weekend, that parishioners have the option to complete the ballots at home. The ballots would be placed in the bulletins the week prior to the election and then be returned the following weekend.
- Traffic Concerns—PC members were asked to consider optional traffic patterns to ease the traffic flow following Masses and large events. To be discussed further.

New Business:

- Baby Strollers—Discussed was a concern related to baby strollers as they often block isles and pews. A protocol or process should be considered to accommodate the strollers similar to the process used to store walkers during Masses.
- Illegal Parking—Numerous cars are parking in the yellow curb area. Reminders to legally park will be placed in the bulletin.

Open Discussion:

- Facilitators are needed for the Encounter V/ V Encuentro. The first meeting for facilitators to bring answers to the 12 questions for parish meeting is scheduled for Aug 6.
- STA 50th Anniversary—The first planning meeting was held. Ongoing reports from this group will be provided to PC.
- Master Calendar—Upcoming Events
 - May 28—Newcomers Reception
 - May 29—Office closed
 - Jun 5-9—VBS
 - Jun 11—KOC Pancake Breakfast
 - Jun 17—Many Hands Work Day
 - Jul 10-21—Summer Faith Formation
 - Jul 26-29—CCW Yard Sale
 - Aug 20—Newcomers Reception
 - Aug 25-26—Men's Retreat

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Ingram stated he was very pleased with all areas of the church and the attempts to maintain, update, and support all programs while continuing to pay off the debt. The IOP and stewardship programs have been exceptionally successful. He announced that on the weekend of Jun 11, at the 12:15 Mass, the Atlanta's Ghan Aian Catholic Community will join us again this year. Their choir will sing at Mass, and there will be a reception immediately following Mass in the PLC with Ghanaian food and singing.

Closing Prayer- "Growing Together in Faith"

Adjournment. 7:47pm.