

**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**November 16, 2017**  
**Parish Life Center**  
**Volunteer Hours: 13.**

**Call to Order:** A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Education Building, room 2 on November 16, 2017. The meeting convened at 6:05 pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mary Soparas, Terri Vigna, Ruth Smith, Thuy Nguyen, Gene Dollander, Don DeClue, Greg Francisco, Cathy McManus, Jean Ruddy, Larry Baird, David Wilkie, Colleen Lang, Paula Spaulding, Alan Thornton, and Lee Ann Molini.

**Members Excused:**

Gina Jenkins, Matt Edmonson, Bob Amy, Holly Nail, Angie Mallar, Dennis Crowley, Emily Gibson, Peter Elliott, Sharon Vincent.

**Guests in Attendance:** Deacon Joe Soparas

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Mike Ingram.

**Guest Comments—NA**

**Approval of minutes:** The October 2017 minutes were approved.

**Ad Hoc Ministry Reports:**

- Finance- No Report
- Communications—No report
- Hispanic Ministry—No report
- Vietnamese Ministry—Thuy
  - The first Friday night adoration took place on Dec 5.
  - There is a 3-day retreat planned for Dec.

**Standing Ministry Reports**

- Facility---Gene
  - The first row of pews in the church training rooms need cleaning and repair. The pews have an area where children are putting small pieces of trash. The first pew will need to be fixed to prevent trash from falling to the floor. This project is projected to be worked on during the month of January.
- Education and Evangelization—Greg
  - Catechist training is scheduled to begin in early 2018. The rooms have been reserved for the first 12 months and the workshops will be held every other month. Guest speakers are being added to the schedule. We are discussing the opportunity of having our church paying for parishioners to complete the program in return for their commitment to teach and train our youth. Additionally, we are considering the optional additional phases of training including offering intermediate and advanced courses.
  - David reported that Adult Formation would begin at the beginning of Advent.
  - Colleen reported that the January women's retreat tickets will be sold prior to Christmas.
- Parish Life-- Cathy and Paula.
  - Approximately 400 meals are being prepared for the Thanksgiving dinner. There are sign up sheets in the PLC for parishioners to bring side dishes.

- Paula reported that there were 25 newcomers at the last reception. There are 3 new volunteers on the committee to assist welcoming our new families.
- Stewardship—Allan.
  - Of those Parishioners who had signed up for various ministries, approximately 12-15 have not yet been contacted to inquire about their various interests. Ministries are requested to contact those who had voiced interest at the last Time and Talent Fair.
- Worship—Ruth.
  - The second collection for Mission weekend was discussed. Fr. Peter is scheduled to address parishioners at each Mass to introduce the needs for monetary assistance for the people of Vietnam. Second collections are to be taken at the Nov 25/26 and Dec 2/3 Masses.
  - There continues to be a problem with keeping batteries and ear buds in the ushers' room for use with the listening devices. Ruth will obtain less expensive items to replace those that have been misplaced or lost.
  - Larry reported that there is a new soundboard in the PLC, and that there are some problems with the older equipment successfully being connected to the newer equipment. It is requested that anyone desiring to use extraordinary sound equipment request that equipment in a timely manner.

#### **Old Business:**

- **STA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
  - The time capsule was ordered and is 19.5"x6". Parishioners are asked for ideas and recommendations as to what to insert into the time capsule. The events for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are being discussed, and the next committee meeting is slated for Nov 27. Detailed information about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year projected activities will be published in the Christmas Bulletin.
- **IOP**
  - A total of 536 commitment cards have been collected. Cards will continue to be collected. A detailed report will follow.
- **SHOW**
  - At the end of January, the Sherriff's department will provide information to parishioners about 'awareness' as related to safety. Scheduled are several presentations that have been developed for various age groups. A Q&A session will follow the presentations.
  - A plan has been written and is posted in the Ushers' room for the emergency care of parishioners and/or incidents occurring during Mass.
  - Medical professionals are being asked to notify the ushers and greeters of their attendance and location at Mass as well as their willingness to assist in case of emergency.
- **November Luminary Ceremony**
  - Allan reported that the luminary ceremony and procession were beautiful and well attended. Approximately \$2000 was collected as a result of that ceremony. Ribbons of Hope T-shirts are on sale for \$10.

#### **New Business:**

- **Wi-Fi**
  - The Wi-Fi code was posted throughout the PLC and Education building for use by parishioners.
- **T-Shirt Sales**
  - Mary discussed the upcoming sale of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts. Also discussed were optional methods of collecting monies for items sales and the ability to secure these monies.

- The STA staff will set up and organize the Angel Tree which will stand in the Parish Life Center. The dates that parishioners may participate in this activity are Nov 25-Dec 17.
- **KOC activities**
  - The KOC is having their annual Christmas Party on Dec 2. Tickets are on sale. The KOC is interested in having soccer goals, and is requesting donations from ministries to support that project: **KOC State Soccer challenge**
- **Master Calendar Upcoming Events-**
  - Dec 2- Breakfast with Santa
  - Dec 3-CCW Craft Fair
  - Dec 5-Eucharistic Adoration (Vietnamese)
  - Dec 7-Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Vigil Mass, 6pm
  - Dec 8-Holy Day of obligation, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
  - Dec 9- CCW Craft Fair
  - Dec 10- Christmas Play
  - Dec 11- Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - Dec 12-14- Advent Retreat (Vietnamese)
  - Dec 15- Noel Concert
  - Dec 18-20- Advent Hispanic Mission
  - Dec 20-Penance Service
  - Dec 24-Christmas Eve Services
  - Dec 25- Christmas Services
  - Dec 29-30 Night Adoration
  - Jan 20- Filipino Celebration
  - Feb 4- Super Bowl Family Party
  - Feb 10- STA Bandstand Through the Ages
  - Feb 16- Lenten Friday Fish Fries/Soup and Sandwiches begin
  - Feb 18-21- Parish Mission- Fathers of Mercy
  - March 9-Movie Knight at Fish Fry

**Open Discussion.** The next PC meeting will be held on January 25, 2018.

**Pastor's Comments—**Fr. Mike continues to express his thanks to those that make St Teresa of Avila a thriving community in which parishioners have the opportunity to participate in so many activities to include both spiritual and social. The growth of this community is beyond expectations and challenges everyone to reach out to new parishioners and include them in the many activities. Father believes that the IOP program has been very successful, and he is excited about the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. There are so many things going on, and so many more things that can be accomplished with the help of all our parishioners.

**Closing Prayer-** Growing Together in Faith

**Adjournment.** 7:45 pm.