

**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
February 22, 2018  
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 February 22, 2018. The meeting convened at 6:34 pm. Chairperson Mary Soparas presiding and Lee Ann Molini recording the minutes.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mary Soparas, Terri Vigna, Ruth Smith, Holly Nail, Thuy Nguyen, Don DeClue, Greg Francisco, Cathy McManus, Jean Ruddy, Larry Baird, Paula Spaulding, Alan Thornton, Matt Edmonson, Angie Mallar, Peter Elliot, Sharon Vincent, and Lee Ann Molini.

**Members Excused:** Bob Amy, Emily Gibson. Gene Dollander, David Wilkie, Colleen Lang, Gina Jenkins, Dennis Crowley,

**Guests in Attendance:** Deacon Joe Soparas.

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Joe Soparas.

**Guest Comments—NA**

**Approval of minutes:** The January 2018 minutes were approved.

**Ad Hoc Ministry Reports:**

- Finance- Terri
  - Terri reported that an additional \$200,000 had been paid toward the principal and the debt was now below \$3M.
- Communications—no report
- Hispanic Ministry—Angie
  - There will be a Spanish Lenten Mission, Feb 26-28, led by Gloria Coronado from San Antonio, TX. Fr. Meza is the co-host.
  - On Holy Thursday, all are invited to visit and pray in 7 local churches.
  - On Good Friday, there will be a Procession around the church accompanying Our Lady of Sorrows.
  - The Mexican Consulate will visit STA on March 13-16.
- Vietnamese Ministry—Thuy
  - The Lenten Mission is March 5-6.
  - Vietnamese New Year Festivities-Julian Smith Casino, Feb. 25- All are Welcome

**Standing Ministry Reports**

- Facility---Matt
  - Feb 24 is the next workday, from 8am-11am. Next month the workday will be held on March 24.
  - April 21 is a workday and on April 28 the Heritage Girls will plant trees. A lift was recently purchased and was received today. One of soccer goals is ready for installation, waiting delivery of the other one.
- Education and Evangelization—Greg
  - The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for the near future.
  - All of the STA Deacons are involved in the Catechist Institute.

- The STA Catechist Institute will be opened up Deanery-wide in August.
- Parish Life-- Cathy and Paula.
  - CCW graciously paid for several parishioners to attend the women's retreat.
  - Parish Life is planning for the upcoming Priest Conference to be held here at STA on Apr 9, 10, and 11 when we will be hosting the Diocesan Conference with approximately 75 Bishops and Priests in attendance.
  - They are preparing for the Fr. D Memorial Spaghetti Dinner, as well as the upcoming Movie Knight.
  - Newcomer's Reception is scheduled for this Sunday and 59 families have been contacted. The next reception is scheduled for May 20.
  - The KOC will have a Pancake Breakfast and Blood drive this Sunday. They are also collecting food, "40 cans for Lent".
  - A flag 'retirement' ceremony is planned for Jun16. Those with American flags that require proper disposal should contact KOC.
  - The ceiling of the picnic pavilion will be painted on this Saturday.
- Stewardship—Alan.
  - There will be a mini T&T fair this weekend with the goal of recruiting ushers and greeters for Masses.
  - The mini T&T fair is scheduled for April 14 and 15.
  - Stewardship forms and forms for signing up for classes and events are now on-line.
  - On April 21, there is a need for volunteers to act as greeters at the Regional Diocesan Stewardship Conference being held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Tickets are \$40. There may be a possibility of a group rate but there is not confirmation of that possibility at this time.
- Worship—Ruth.
  - There has been a request for assistance from parishioners to be ushers, greeters, & adult altar servers at Masses. Response is minimal to date.
  - Attendance at the Lenten Mission this past week was about 180 parishioners in the evenings.
  - Those responsible for activities which require sound system and/or equipment, assistance, etc, please reach out to Larry so that the arrangements can be made to meet the needs.

#### **Old Business:**

- **STA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
  - The Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off as well as the Dance Party were enjoyed by a great number of parishioners.
  - March 9 is Movie Knight (Evan Almighty). The movie will begin at 7:30 pm in the PLC during the KOC Fish Fry and Soup/Sandwich Supper.
  - April 21 is the Fr. D Memorial Spaghetti Dinner. The KOC will cook. Beer, wine, and coke will be available for donations, also BYOB

- The Pope's Papal Blessing Certificate has been received from Rome and will be framed and displayed.
- Articles for the Time Capsule continue to be collected.
- **SHOW**
  - The Sheriff's department representative will be at our church to present to parishioners, parish leaders, and other groups, awareness and security training. Parishioners will have the option to attend either March 10 (2pm-4pm) or March 14 (6:30pm-8pm). Discussions continue as related to safety concerns and misc items which may be required to be purchased, for example, deadbolts, window shades, etc.
- **Parish Council Elections**
  - The election process is in progress per the schedule. The slate of interested parishioners will be presented to Fr. Mike.
- **Budget**
  - Budgets are due today to Terri.
- **Ribbons of Hope--Alan**
  - The Open House and Ribbons of Hope were well received.

#### **New Business:**

- **BAA Promotion**
  - The BAA presentation will take place this weekend, Feb 24-25.
- **Facility Requests**
  - All requests for the use of STA facilities are due at this time.
- **Master Calendar**
  - Feb 24- First Reconciliation
  - Feb 24- Parish Work Day
  - Feb 24-25- BAA
  - Feb 25-Newcomer's Reception
  - Feb 25-KOC Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive
  - Feb 26-28- Hispanic Lenten Mission
  - March 5-6- Vietnamese Lenten Mission
  - March 9 Movie Knight at Fish Fry
  - March 10-Active Shooter Presentation (2pm-4pm)
  - March 14 Active Shooter Presentation (6:30pm-8pm)
  - Mar 25- KOC Father/Son Mass, 6am
  - April 15- Confirmation
  - April 21- Fr. "D" Memorial Spaghetti Dinner
  - May 5--Cinco de Mayo
  - May 12- First Communion- English
  - May 13- First Communion- Hispanic

#### **Open Discussion-**

- The light pole banners continue to be designed for hanging on the outside lights on campus as well as on the light coming up the entrance to STA.
- The large crucifix continues to be on order and on schedule.
- Banners are also being designed for hanging on the back walls of the church.
- Discussed was the option of new directories. A chair or committee for this project will need to be established.

- Papal Blessings are available for all Catholics for events such as Weddings, Anniversaries, etc, and are approximately \$80.

**Closing Prayer-** Growing Together in Faith

**Adjournment.** 7:45 pm.

**Next Meeting.** March 22, 2018