



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 19 6:30 PM

Location: Parish Hall - Gathering Area

Attendees: Joy Nobles, Father Raphael, Father Mike, Pat Trout, Barbo Woods, Jane Ann Becicka, Dominic Nguyen, Emily Melcher, Sergio Loch, Andrew Gross

Opening

- Opening Prayer - Joy
- Review and Approval of **February** Minutes –
Pat approved, Andrew 2nd motion approved.

Announcements

- Cancelling 75th Prayer end June moving to Jubilee Prayer
- Parish Carnival Event - August 24th
- Young Adult Program - Fr. Mike
- 75th Anniversary Events.

Reports

- General Council Reports - Formation, Liturgy Committee, Mission and Evangelization, Ad Hoc.
 - Young Adult Program (Ages 18-40) - Fr. Mike **Tentative Date for upcoming event July 19th earlier event 10 attendees, half were not from St. Theresa's.**
 - Parish Carnival – **Ad Hoc Committee being formed with meeting upcoming in July. Gym holds 160-180, and may rent tables etc.**
 - All Parish 75th Anniversary Mass – **Ready to sell leftover items, i.e. shirts, ornaments. Historical Book in process. The hope is to have one so people can order during the dinner. Will need a Smart board to use for the PowerPoint Barb has compiled to show during dinner. Will be recognizing groups/people in the bulletin and at the end of Mass.**
 - Alpha Final Report - Sergio Loch **Sergio provided a verbal report: great team of leaders who previously took part at St. Mary's or St. Boniface. Program provides participants to have a meal together, watch a video then break up into small groups for discussions. 53 started, not all completed entire program. They had others added during the duration of the program. Mary McConville created a survey for the team and participants. Overall, the team felt they got involvement than they were expecting. There was encouragement of the 5 teams (host and helper) to meet outside after the program; all groups were able to complete at this time. Two groups used the hall (one group was eventually moved for more privacy) with one each in the East and West meeting room and one in the choir area. The day away was held in the gym but felt there was not enough time in small group sessions. There was some disappointment mentioned with the school and their lack of responses to requests.**
 - Music in the Park Final Report - Jean Hemmer – **Final written report was provided to group. The event was a success although numbers were fewer than prior year held.**
- Pastoral Priorities - Pray, Serve, Celebrate FOCUS Teams (5 Minutes Each)
 - **The Meal Train committee has disbanded. Volunteers were available but there was not enough interest to receive the meals.**

Feedback and Thoughts

- Lenten and Easter events.
 - **Fish Fry's – lines are too long. Can we have two lines of service to accommodate? We are the only parish with a free will offering.**
 - **Speaker – Steve Angrisano for parish mission during Lent.**



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- Stations were appreciated. One Friday we had 94 attendees.
- Easter Vigil – Lots of flowers this year. Why does it take so long to get names out of who donated the flowers?
- Mass in slow motion feedback.
 - Good feedback received. Andrew said he received good feedback from High School students and adults. The timing was questioned. We should not have during Lent or close to Lent.
- Chimes at the beginning of Mass.
 - Both at school and Sunday Mass we should either kneel or stand. – This item needs to be reassessed during Lent.
 - Lent is a time for us to minimize piano/organ use.
 - Holy water discussion – some churches have present others do not.
 - Need for more discussion on what committees/parishioners what they can/can't do.
 - Have more clarity on why we do what we do.

New Business

- African community of St. Catherine movement to St. Theresa. - Fr. Raphael
 - Currently there is an African community at St. Catherine who has come upon some conflict with their activities at the student center. Father would like to offer this community a place to worship at St. Theresa. They will not be joining our Masses and Father would have to look at times should this take place. Father will be placing items in the bulletin.
 - All African Mass here on 9/21.
- Bishop moving away from regional to a diocesan system.
 - Encompass St. Augustin, St. Theresa, St. Mary, Holy Trinity and St. Pius.
- St. Theresa's website has been updated.
- Bulletin will be updated about the council.
- Greeting before Mass is welcoming and creates a happy and joyful noise.

Closing

- Motion to adjourn Pat motion carried
- Closing prayer