

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	TITLE	TERM	Attendance
Fr. Larry Zurawski	Pastor		Present
Dick Hull	Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Jeff Vitale	Vice Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Matt Ostrowski	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2019	Present
Ed Pavlicka	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Absent
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Present
Ericka Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Garry Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Neil Fraylick	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Paul Hill	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Randy Berd	Chair, Stewardship Commission		Present
Diane Bosen	Chair, Christian Service Commission		Absent
Ted Lang	Chair, Evangelization Commission		Present
Dawn Pulcer	Vicariate Representative		Absent
Peg Sass	Rep, Worship Commission		Present

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Parish Council Chair, Dick Hull, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

OPENING PRAYER – Everyone in attendance recited a prayer prepared by Evangelization Commission Chair, Ted Lang: “O God, you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world’s deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey; that we may proclaim the Good News with our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION by Randy Berd second by Paul Hill to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION by Randy Berd second by Paul Hill to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017 as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. MOTION carried.

GUEST TOPICS – None.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS/APPROVALS

Suggestion Program – Paul Hill

Reviewed “Overview of Ideas Submitted to Parish Council” spreadsheet prepared by Paul Hill and draft responses to each idea prepared by Paul Hill. 14 “Ideas” were presented, 4 proposed “replies to suggestion” were either approved or rejected and will be sent to the specific parishioner with the idea, thanking them for the suggestion.

In the essence of time, the remaining “Ideas” and the continued program process was tabled to the January, 2018 Parish Council Meeting.

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COMMISSION UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – Absent Christian Service Commission Chair, Diane Bosen, Jeff Vitale read the Christian Service Commission Minutes (meeting held November 13, 2017). NEXT MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2018-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION – Evangelization Commission Chair, Ted Lang, reviewed the Evangelization Commission Minutes (meeting held November 13, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Christmas book distribution (possibly beginning the weekend of December 16, 2017) – Rediscover Jesus by Matt Kelly – book discussion to begin mid January. 2. New Intercessory Prayer Group proceeding forward. 3. New parishioner” meet and greet” proceeding forward. NEXT MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2018-See Evangelization Commission Minutes for additional details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION – Stewardship Commission Chair, Randy Berd, reviewed the Stewardship Commission Minutes (meeting held November 13, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Financial Reports. 2. CSA Update. 3. Social Media: Advent Media Series to include four weekly Advent video email blasts to our parishioners. 4. New Business topic – Discussion on Wills, Trusts, Bequests. NEXT MEETING-JANUARY 8, 2018-See Stewardship Commission Minutes for additional details.

NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE – Absent Northern Macomb Vicariate Representative, Dawn Pulcer, the North Macomb Vicariate Pastoral Council minutes were not available. NEXT MEETING-NOVEMBER 28, 2017.

WORSHIP COMMISSION – Worship Commission Representative, Peg Sass, reviewed the Worship Commission Minutes (meeting held November 13, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Approval of upcoming events. 2. Addressed noise level before liturgies – Individuals in charge of organizing events to remind parishioners how important it is to show respect while in the church. The gathering space is the appropriate place to have conversations. If that fails, Rebecca Roberts as Choir Director, will prepare an announcement prior to the prelude describing the meaning of the song and requesting that all conversations be concluded. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018-See Worship Commission Minutes for additional details.

MEMBER TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

1. Dick Hull commented on the “beauty” of the Fr Solanus Casey Beatification Mass and the fact that it was well attended by our parish.
2. Dick Hull suggested making paper copies of Archbishop Vigneron’s “Unleashing the Gospel” available to parishioners who request it.
3. Ted Lang questioned church security and “what if” scenarios in light of the crimes targeting places of worship. Randy Byrd suggested A.L.I.C.E. Program workshop for ushers.
4. Randy Berd suggested commission term limits but also questioned how to generate more volunteers.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

In the essence of time, this agenda item was passed on.

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FR. LARRY'S COMMENTS

1. Letter to all members of the parish to be sent during advent
2. Knights of Columbus re-signed agreement for building use for monthly pancake breakfasts/bake sales, annual Christmas party, annual Tootsie Roll drive, annual fish fry, meetings, etc. Half of fish fry profits will be donated back to St Therese.
3. Faith Formation Fund Amendment for 1% of annual income donated to Austin Academy.
4. Ruth Pavlicka to begin a support group for grandparents grieving the loss of a grandchild.

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2018, 7pm Garry Fix to lead opening prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Vitale