

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2018**

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	Absent
Matt Ostrowski	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Present
Ed Pavlica	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Absent
Erika 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		Present
Ted Lang	Chair, Evangelization Commission		Present
Dawn Pulcer	Vicariate Representative		Present
Peg Sass	Rep, Worship Commission		Present
Elizabeth Hull	Guest		Present
John Karski	Guest – Ministry Coordinator		Present
Guy Anzell	Guest – Stewardship member		Present
Chris Piebiak	Guest Director Communications/ Media		Present

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Parish Council Chair, Dick Hull, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

OPENING PRAYER – Diane Bosen recited a prayer prepared by her prior to the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **MOTION** by Peg Sass second by Randy Berd to approve the minutes of February 19, 2018 as presented/amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. **MOTION** carried.

GUEST TOPICS –

John Karski, Ministry Coordinator, gave a presentation on the ConnectNOW, AOD software (formerly ParishSoft). The Archdiocese of Detroit has mandated all parishes use the program as of December 2017. John distributed a handout that outlined the modules available for querying the database once all of the data has been captured from the various ministries. It is a comprehensive database that will allow the parish to determine the (7%) level of involvement of parishioners in all groups/ministries as well as provide tools to assist the parish in growing the volunteer base. All ministry leaders need to provide the data for their members and advise John of any additional fields needed for reports. John will work with each group to set up the queries needed for providing data in the form of reports. Data can be imported from existing Excel spreadsheets as well.

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GUEST TOPICS – (CONT)

Chris Piebiak, Director of Communications/Media, gave a brief presentation on The Dynamic Catholic organization. It is far more than a publishing outlet. Brenda Manzo reached out to set up a date that we could partner with them on a presentation at our parish. We have arranged to have Jonathan Fanning, a life coach from Dynamic Catholic, give a presentation entitled “Find Your Greatness” on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. St. Therese of Lisieux will be the first parish on this side of the state to offer such a presentation which is huge for the Archdiocese of Detroit. We estimate that our capacity is 850 and that tickets will go fast. Randy Berd suggested that perhaps the parish can acquire 200 tickets now to sell to our parishioners before we get left out and the tickets get sold out before we get a chance to announce the event.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS

Suggestion Program – Paul Hill

1. Revised “Are you Curious” forms were circulated. Paul indicated that there will be a rack inside the office for people to obtain the forms. Completed forms will be returned to the secretary. Paul will put a note on the form indicating where to return.
2. Paul met with Chris and circulated two versions of the revised screen formats. The group decided we like both screens and would like to see them rotated. The screens will be up in a few weeks.
3. Paul will take the first turn in handling this project with assistance from others as needed. Paul will keep a record of responses on hand and prepare a monthly report to Parish Council on the status of all inquiries.

Security Preparedness – Anthony Saurine (absent)

1. Matt Ostrowski gave an update on the ALICE training programs that are being offered by Utica Community Schools. We are hoping that the next step will be to expand training to the Churches.
2. There will be a training session at Henry Ford High School on March 28, 2018 at 7:00PM in the gym for those interested in attending.
3. There will be another training session at Eisenhower High School on March 29, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Performing Arts Center.

MEMBER TOPICS - NONE

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Extensive, thoughtful, faith-filled discussion of chapter five, Changing the World. Ted mentioned that most Catholics do not evangelize because they are not convinced that we are “all that”. We need to understand that every culture began based on organizing principles such as our mission statement “to be disciples to share His good news”. It is not always easy to measure if we are achieving that goal. Elizabeth Hull suggested that the parish needs to grow in kindness. Although we are known as a friendly parish, we all need to actively practice being friendly to others. Christianity grows from love. It’s the little things like greeting others, smiling, acknowledging them, reaching across the aisle to share the sign of peace. We all agreed those were outstanding examples.

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COMMISSION UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – Christian Service Commission Chair, Diane Bosen, reviewed the Christian Service Commission Minutes (meeting held March 12, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Diane announced heartfelt thanks to the Special Events Hospitality Group for the outstanding St. Joseph's altar display last week. Many parishioners were very grateful. Everyone was invited to take home a loaf of bread after the weekend Masses.
2. The SVdP group was able to fill both of their pantries from the Brown Bag Project. In addition, they will be distributing 43 Baskets of food for Easter to their clients in the parish. The Baby Bottle drive will be held beginning April 15th through the end of the month of April.
3. Diane asked if the group would like her to continue publishing the CSC's book discussion comments in the minutes for Christian Service Commission. Everyone responded, yes, absolutely.

NEXT MEETING- APRIL 9, 2018-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION – Evangelization Commission Chair, Ted Lang, reviewed the Evangelization Commission Minutes (meeting held March 12, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. The next "Pizza with the Pastor" event that was scheduled for May 6, 2018 has been delayed. The committee is still discussing how frequent these events should be. Once they have agreed on how often, the next event will be scheduled. Invitations, format, etc. will be the same as the first event.
2. Ted is going to continue editing the video for the welcome package. It does not have to be perfect. It will be evolving over time, with changes as needed.
3. The second intercessory prayer group for February went very well. They are held on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next Prayer group meeting will be on March 22, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:00PM during Adoration.

NEXT MEETING- APRIL 9, 2018-See Evangelization Commission Minutes for additional details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION – Stewardship Commission Chair, Randy Berd, reviewed the Stewardship Commission Minutes (meeting held March 12, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. There is an AOD shortfall for actual CSA payments. There are still 77 of the 963 pledges remaining. The Stewardship Commission goal is to close the gaps in these remaining two months.
2. The AOD has increased the CSA 2018 goal to \$184,000 which is a \$10,000 increase. Stewardship will continue their monthly meetings throughout the summer so as not to lose momentum for the CSA drive and discuss ways to increase collection efforts.
3. Stewardship would like to see more ministries involved in the Family Fun Fest to continue expanding. A separate sub-committee will be established to coordinate planning the event.
4. Goal is to set up 2 optional ministry fairs in May as we have a continuing need to promote talent.

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WORSHIP COMMISSION – Worship Commission Representative, Peg Sass, reviewed the Worship Commission Minutes (meeting held March 12, 2018). Highlights included were:

1. Sign-up sheets for EMHC's are posted and will be monitored to ensure we have all volunteers needed for all Holy Week activities.
2. The Altar Cloth for Holy Thursday, with the images of the twelve apostles, has officially been donated to the parish. Janet Webster will be writing an article for the bulletin regarding the history behind the donation from a parishioner who is deceased.
3. The Music Ministry received a monetary donation from a member of the parish who is deceased. The funds were used to purchase cushions for all of the chairs in the Choir area.
4. We have asked Jay Smith, an experienced narrator, to narrate parts of the special music selections for Holy Week. We are blessed to have his participation.
5. Updated events are in the latest Worship Commission Minutes.

NEXT MEETING-APRIL 9, 2018-See Worship Commission Minutes for additional details.

NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE – Northern Macomb Vicariate Representative, Dawn Pulcer, reviewed the Northern Macomb Vicariate Minutes (meeting held February 6, 2018 at Austin Academy). Highlights included were:

1. The group is starting to plan for 2019 "Onward to the Kingdom" events March 24 – 28, 2019.
2. "Unleash the Gospel" event is TBD. Waiting for timeline from the Archbishop.
3. There were 50 people in attendance at the Called and Gifted workshop held at St. Isidore.

NEXT MEETING- APRIL 24, 2018 at Ss. John and Paul.

FR. LARRY'S COMMENTS

1. Wednesday Masses in the chapel went very well and have been well attended.
2. Hopefully, we will have full attendance at all of the Easter Services.
3. Randy Berd suggested that if Fr. Larry has time, we should expand and keep the Wednesday evening Mass going.

NEXT MEETING – APRIL 16, 2018, 7pm. Ed Pavlica will lead the opening prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Sass