

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

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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, 2019	Present
Ed Pavlica	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Absent
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Present
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		Absent
Peg Sass	Rep, Worship Commission		Present
Elizabeth Hull	Guest		Present

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

**OPENING PRAYER** – Erika Fix recited a prayer prepared by her prior to the meeting.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION** by Garry Fix second by Peg Sass to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018 as presented/amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by a verbal vote. **MOTION carried.**

**GUEST TOPICS** – None

**PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS**

Suggestion Program – Paul Hill

1. In an effort to convert the idea program to a method that allows members of the Parish to ask a question or make a suggestion, Paul distributed a sample screen printout and a sample of the form to be completed with the title “Are you Curious?” “Do you have a question or suggestion about”.
2. The feedback on the screen is to add a graphic to grab attention. Paul will follow up with Chris Piebiak to come up with a suitable graphic.
3. Members provided several recommendations for enhancements to the form.
  - Members provided two recommendations for the process
  - Scan each document and forward to the Parish Council Team to get their input before responding.

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- Keep a record of responses on hand and prepare a monthly report to Parish Council on the status of all inquiries.
4. Paul will take the first turn in handling this project with assistance from others as needed.

Security Preparedness – Anthony Saurine

1. Anthony presented an excellent initial report on Security Preparedness which was distributed at the meeting.
2. The Plan outlines suggestions for Panic Buttons to be placed in critical places.
3. Anthony has been looking into Training by the Security Leaders Coalition, a Michigan non-profit.
4. Anthony is also researching other organizations that can help us such as the Shelby Police, the Warren Police and the Sterling Heights Police, and the ALICE program that was developed by Detroit Police and Wayne State. There is nothing available from Macomb County so far. There is nothing available from AOD so far.
5. Other issues are listed in the minutes.
6. It would seem that most of the responsibilities and training would fall on the Ushers.
7. Anthony has accepted the task and will continue to work on a program, possibly enlisting potential parishioner(s) with this type of background (i.e. police officer, firemen, first responders).

Roster of Participating Members – Dick Hull

Dick circulated the roster for all Parish Council members to complete their information for the new database, ConnectNOW, being established by John Karski. Dick also indicated that all volunteers on all ministries are invited to attend the March meeting for Parish Council where John will be giving a presentation on the program. The meeting will be held in Overflow Room #10 on March 19, 2018.

**MEMBER TOPICS**

Diane Bosen met with the Worship Commission on February 12<sup>th</sup> to present a concern regarding her observation of inexperienced individuals stepping forward to serve Holy Communion when they are not trained and certified. The issue has been directed to Sister Mary Andrew and Fr. Larry for resolution. Rebecca will review with Kym Lemanski when she returns.

**THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC**

Extensive, thoughtful, faith-filled discussion of chapter four, The Happiest People I Know. Most acknowledged how grateful they are for family, love, faith, support and generosity of others. When we were asked about “who is the most generous person you know”, Dick mentioned Bill Gates and his Foundation, and Fr. Larry mentioned Art Van. We all agreed those were outstanding examples.

**COMMISSION UPDATES:**

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

1. Diane announced heartfelt compliments to the Marriage Ministry and Fr. Larry for the outstanding experience provided for attendees of the Jubilarian Mass. Special touches included wedding photos on the screens as each couple was announced and the refreshments after Mass.

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2. Compliments to the Marriage Ministry, Fr. Larry and Fr. Muma for the Couples Comedy Night which was well attended. Fr. Larry spent the time greeting each table and Fr. Muma handled kitchen duty. All the volunteers have already signed up again for next year.
3. Saint Vincent DePaul group is grateful for the Brown Bag Project. They are coordinating with John Karski and John LeManna on the Baby Bottle Project as well.

NEXT MEETING-MARCH 12, 2018-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

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

1. “Pizza with the Pastor” was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event was very successful. The tour by Fr. Larry and Ted’s video were well received as well as team members speaking on different groups in the parish. Revised future dates have been added to the Parish Calendar.
2. The commission decided that the book, “Rediscovering Christ” had possibly been around too long as there were 500 books left over. In April, or possibly earlier, a new book will be selected.
3. The first intercessory prayer group for January went very well. The next Prayer group meeting will be on February 22, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:00PM during Adoration.

NEXT MEETING-MARCH 12, 2018-See Evangelization Commission Minutes for additional details.

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

1. The 2017-2018 weekly collection is running behind in comparison to 2016-2017 dates. The topic of electronic giving was discussed and methods of increasing this number in addition to egivers using the envelope collection.
2. The weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> – Utility Fund Collection – was slightly more than in 2017. As noted in previous discussions, the second Collection when added to the Weekly Collection numbers usually averages the weekly collection dollars. At a quick glance, a percentage of our parishioners “substitute” their weekly offering for the Second Collection.
3. The final numbers for 2017 Christmas collection were lower than 2016.
4. The first Fish Fry for this Lenten Season was not as well attended as we had hoped for. The Youth Ministry will be walking around tables to gather contact information such as emails from attendees so that we can utilize it to advertise for future events.
5. Recommendation that John Karski discuss the policies and guidelines established for the “ConnectNOW” program at a Pastoral Council Meeting. Members of all of our ministries should be invited to attend the meeting.
6. There is an AOD shortfall for actual CSA payments. There are still 102 of the 963 pledges remaining. The Stewardship Commission goal is to close the gaps in these remaining three months.

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

1. Sister Mary Andrew has taken over the Eucharistic Ministers Ministry and will be scheduling a meeting soon with all members of the Ministry to review guidelines and expectations.
2. Still having discussions specifically for serving parishioners who need assistance and how to address their needs.
3. Issue brought to Worship Commission by Diane Bosen has been referred to Sister Mary Andrew and Fr. Larry. Rebecca to discuss with Kym Lemanski upon her return.
4. Lenten Confession Schedule has been added to the Calendar and distributed to Parish Council and Worship Commission members.
5. Updated events are in the latest Worship Commission Minutes.

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*NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE* – In the absence of Northern Macomb Vicariate Representative, Dawn Pulcer, there was no report this month.

NEXT MEETING- MARCH 12, 2018.

**FR. LARRY'S COMMENTS**

1. Ash Wednesday Services went very well and were well attended.
2. An additional Mass has been added on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30PM during Lent in the Chapel. If there are more people than expected, it can be moved to the Church. There will be no EM's or music required.

**NEXT MEETING** – MARCH 19, 2018, 7pm in Overflow Room 10. Diane Bosen will lead the opening prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Sass