

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2022

7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER: Father Art

PRESENT: Sister Ruth, Jim Schneider, Margie Wood, Barb Thoma, Tom Bergman, Father Art, Deacon Ron Adamczak, Karen Stachowiak

EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes from September made by Karen and seconded by Tom. All attendees were in favor, and it was Moved. Karen was introduced by Father Art and welcomed as the newest member of the council by all.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

A: Building & Grounds Committee: Jim

- The sacristy sink will get an instant hot water tank. A towel rack was also installed.
- The convent had a leak in the ceiling from the discharge pipe from the dishwasher, washing machine and sink which is connected to the upstairs plumbing. A hole was cut into the living room ceiling to repair the leak in the pipe. The plumber repaired the leak and Steve and Mario replaced the drywall. Steve finished off by texturing the ceiling to match the existing pattern.
- A spot light was installed for the new flag pole. A timer will program the light from dusk to dawn. The flag pole was dedicated and blessed on Veterans' Day.
- Saint Teresa statue was placed on the pedestal in front of the church.
- Work has begun on the new crying room and handicap bathroom. An A/C unit will only be placed in Crying Room.
- Two Alberta spruce trees were purchased for the front entrance of the church.
- A new exhaust fan will be installed in the confessional.
- Light will need to be fixed in Church window.

B: Women's Guild Update: Barb

- **The monthly meeting was held on October 4, 2022.**
- **Treasurers report. 1699.15 in Savings and 3346.92 in Checking**
- **849 Quilts to date.**
- **Timau:** Mary Charles reported that there is still a serious drought going on and the people in Timau are struggling. We will do a collection in November to help with food for the children. This will be done in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Basket collection.
- **Craft Show: Final figures are not in yet.**
- **Donations to church speakers** – Cross Catholic Outreach/Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha: Discussed giving money to these agencies as we had previously decided not to donate to Catholic Charities this year. It was agreed we would send \$100 to each.
- **STEC events (meat raffle):** Discussed providing gift baskets for the raffle. It was agreed we would provide 3 \$25 baskets.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled November 19th at 9am in the church hall. November 18th Debbie Fink, Sandy Kreher and Trish Sharkey will shop for the food items. Money will be collected for this on November 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th before and after Masses. Help will be needed for the money collection, the assembly and delivery of the baskets
- **Next Meeting is November 1st.**
- **November 1st-Minutes-**

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- **Treasurer reported \$1699.46 in Savings and \$5118.98 in Checking.**
- **Quilts to date are up to 861.**
- **Craft show saw a profit of \$2352.48 and was successful.**
- **Checks were sent out to Cross Catholic Outreach and Catechetical Seters of Arogyamatha for donations.**
- **Suggested that a Calendar be setup as a share, so that STEC events do not conflict.**
- **Timau and Thanksgiving baskets still as planned.**
- **Next meeting will be the Christmas Party on 12/6 at the Bistro.**

C: Religious Education Update: Sr Ruth

- **Sister Ruth discussed that this Sunday is Catechetical Sunday and the Bishop sent a letter that she read at the meeting. She handed out the FAMILY FAITH PLEDGE CARD to the council members that will be handed out on Sunday.**
- **September 11th, classes started and 67 Students are enrolled.**
- **Confirmation retreat was on October 29th at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine located in Lewiston NY. Confirmation was held on November 13th at Our Lady of Peace with 5 candidates**
- **Sr Ruth briefly spoke about the sacrament of confirmation along with her DRE meeting that was held at St Stephens on Grand Island.**
- **It was decided that Religious Instruction be canceled on Sunday due to the impending storm.**

D: Knights of Columbus Update: Tom

- **Meeting from October 18th**
- **Special Olympics fund raiser- Tootsie Roll give-away at Pixley's entrance took place on Saturday September 24th. Council raised \$227 in donations a motion was made and carried for our Council to add \$123 to bring the total to \$350 to go to Special Olympics.**
- **Monthly charity for October was for The Station of The Cross Radio network including our local Catholic radio station WLOF. The basket was passed and \$204 was collected in donations a motion was made and carried for our Council to add \$96 to bring the total to \$300.**
- **"Coats for Kids" was discussed**
- **C & B raffle will run thru November 21 with the drawing to be held on 12/3.**
- **Meeting notes from November 15 Meeting:**
- **speaker Jerry Sheldon from SHP Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This is a local chapter of a National Nonprofit organization that makes beds and donates them for free to children in need in the City of Buffalo proper. We took a donation from members and then made a motion to bring it up to total \$500.**
- **Our Councils meetings monthly charity for November was for Mother Teresa Home. A motion was made and carried to donate \$500 from our treasury.**
- **This past Sunday at OLP and this past Wednesday at Nativity, Knights Members dressed in their Tuxedo's and were usher at both Confirmation Masses.**
- **We had an update from this past weekend' s kick off for Coats for Kids and also our collection of gentle used coats to go to Colvin Cleaners coats for the needy. Coats for Kids are new coats purchased for children in need. Colvin Cleaners takes gently used coats and cleans and disturbs them.**

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- C&B Raffle update - To date St Teresa's sold 137, and our Council totals 655 sold between the 3 parishes. This fundraiser is concluding this weekend.
- We have a new fundraiser kicking off - Weekend Get-Away Raffle. The winner receives dinner for 2 and sleep over at Russell's Steaks & Chops and Continental Breakfast plus \$100 for misc expenses. Ticket cost \$5. drawing Dec 20th.
- New Business – Our Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday Feb 5th 2023.
- Our Treasury report was given. We have 97 members. Next month's meeting Tues Dec. 20.
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COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Deacon Ron** spoke about a new OUTREACH program that would conduct phone calls to parishioners according to the current list of the rectory. He is looking for volunteers to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Narthex/Bathroom Project: The bathroom and crying room is under way and should be completed by Christmas.
2. STEC -Meat Raffle \$8000 in proceeds. Football Pool sold 100 and next year looking to do 200.
3. All lighting will be replaced for the whole Church, Classrooms, Convent etc. at a cost of \$2500. The balance of \$8500 will be picked up by a Grant obtained by Father Art.
4. In leu of our next meeting, we will attend the Nativity for its 12/15 Penance Service.

St Teresas Family of Parish set for May 2023 and is #Phase II on Road to Renewal. Looking for 2 people for each pillar to help strategize the plan.

1. Liturgy,
2. administration,
3. forming disciples,
4. spiritual life,
5. outreach and in reach, and
6. Stewardship.

Other Business:

- Cameras were installed by Amherst Alarm for security.
- Mathew Kelly advent booklets will be handed out with a suggestion for a study group.
- Briefly spoke about the HALLOW App and FORMED app.

MOTION TO ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

CLOSING PRAYER : Deacon Ron

- **NEXT MEETING:** January 19th, 2023 at 7pm