

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 18, 2021

OPENING PRAYER: Sister Ruth

PRESENT: Father Art, Sister Ruth, Tom Bergman, Steve Flumerfeldt, Barb Thoma, Jim Schneider, Wally Smith.

EXCUSED: Sheila Ernst, Dick Campbell

GUESTS: Jerry Siuta, Don Kreher

MINUTES: A motion was made by Steve and seconded Barb. to accept the minutes of August 19. 2021. All attendees were in favor, and it was moved.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

A: Building & Grounds Committee: Jim & Steve

September

- Jim welded lifting lugs on two steel plates that covered the septic tank along with drilling and installing anchors for the Crane. The covers had to be removed from the holding tank so it could be pumped out. Machen Septic replaced the damaged discharge baffle on the holding tank.
- Move to later: replace more ceiling light fixture sockets at the convent. Update 10/21. Repairs Completed.
- Classroom #1 has a window that will not lock when its closed. Update: Steve and Jim repaired the latch.
- Move to later: Steve will repair the broken window in kitchen and is still in process of caulking the school windows. Update 10/21: Steve has repaired windows and finished caulking. Completed.

October

- Sidewalks were pressure washed.
- Scrapped, Sanded and Painted the canopy entrance to the school.
- 2 rectory driveway post lights were removed, cleaned, painted, and re-installed.
- Ceiling light in Church was rewired. Timer was installed for the driveway post lights.

November

- Steve cleaned out gutters and repaired/installed gutter guards.
- Steve cleaned out the basement and removed trash to a dump site. The basement walls were sanitized with bleach.
- Steve painted two bathrooms – where? Replaced a faucet in the rectory bathroom, and washed windows in the rectory. Sink was worked on in the basement bar area.
- An electrical contractor provided by the diocese replaced the driveway entrance light, rewired the outside sump pumps at kitchen, and updated the outlets at the rectory.
- Jim made a processional cross stand.
- Jim rewired a ceiling light socket and then replaced a few defective ceiling bulbs located in the Church.

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- **Asbestos was found to be in the basement and classroom #1. Contractors are working to correct the issues and insurance will pay all except for the Cast Iron Pipe which caused the leakage to begin with.**

B: Women's Guild Update: Barb

- **9/7/2021 meeting report.**
 - Funds available: 1696.68 savings and 3882.32 checking.
 - Cards were sent out in June, July, August for various occasions by the Sunshine Committee.
 - Timau Project: Decision to give \$300 per child for Milk & Porridge program and \$360 per child for school supplies, clothing, and food was approved.
 - Respect for Life-update at next meeting.
 - Prayer Quilt-# of quilts given away is at 694.
 - Approved spending and measuring for new Blinds at convent.
 - Quilt raffle collected 2933 with a net profit of 2671.28
- **10/5/2021**
 - Funds available: 1696.86 savings/3603.80 checking. As per P&L 8/31 shows a profit of 301.93.
 - Sunshine Committee sent out a few cards for various occasions.
 - Timau Project: Collection for Milk & Porridge and Follow the Babies will take place the weekends of 11/6 and 11/13 masses.
 - Respect for life held and had a good turnout despite the weather.
 - Prayer Quilts \$700
 - Replaced 15 blinds at the Convent. Painted the Library. Planning on more updates to the convent in the near future.
 - Thanksgiving baskets have been approved by Father Art, and collected the same weekends as Timau Project. They will be compiled and distributed 11/20.
 - No reception this year for confirmation due to the small group. Cards will be given instead.
 - Some ideas were suggested for later projects.
- **11/18/2021**
 - Funds available as of the 11/2 meeting were 1697.03 in savings and 3613.80 in checking.
 - Respect for life went well and some ideas for next year are: Closer to Akron location, collection, or baby shower springtime. Ideas are depended on Pandemic state at that time.
 - Guild closet cleaning is postponed and t/b/d.
 - More blinds purchased for the convent at 150.00 cost. The painting and rugs were all donated directly by parishioners.
 - Good turnout for Trunk or Treat with 50 children and 20 decorated cars.
 - Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered to 5 local families. Any extra food will be donated to the FOOD PANTRY.

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- **Timau Project Collection results-next meeting *11/18 Father added that 1200 had been collected for this project as of 11/18.**
- **Sock and Mitten tree will be put up Thanksgiving weekend.**
- **Next meeting is scheduled for DECEMBER 7.**

C: Religious Education Update: Sr Ruth

- **Sister Ruth reports that the continued vigilance of Covid 19 guidelines in the building especially when classes are in session on Sunday mornings remains in effect. Reminder that we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation this coming Sunday at a special 4:30 pm Mass. Fr. Peter Karalus, Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo will celebrate the Mass. We have 11 candidates and 1 RCIA adult this year receiving the sacrament.**

D: Salt & Light Update: Sheila

- **Books for Tots were all distributed prior to 9/16. There are no further updates at this time.**

E: Knights of Columbus Update: Tom & Steve

- **Tom reported that at the 11/16 meeting the following was discussed and/or decided:**
 - **A monetary donation was recognized from a parishioner thankful for the KOC helpful assistance.**
 - **Will donate \$200 per parish family youth who travels to the National Youth Conference.**
 - **Collection was taken for the monthly charity of Brothers of Mercy Care-thon and the KOC contributed \$300.00.**
 - **The C&B ticket money will be mailed to the Supreme for the drawing.**
 - **The next raffle and weekend getaway price will be dinner and stay at Russell's Steak. The drawing is 12/21.**
 - **Discussion for the annual Spaghetti Dinner held in February was undecided due to the ongoing Pandemic.**
 - **Discussed the rising cost of insurance needs.**
 - **Father Art will add to the announcements that an adoration service will be held at OLP on Nov 30. The Supreme Court will be hearing arguments of the Mississippi abortion law case on Dec 1st.**
 - **"Coats for Kids" charity is ongoing and in process of buying the coats for local needful community.**
 - **Advent books that are donated by the KOC will be on the table by the doors of the Church.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

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- Margie will be attending the first Bicentennial Committee meeting on Tuesday September 21st at the Town Hall 6:30 pm. Update: Margie attended two meetings since our last parish meeting.
- The Bicentennial committee needs help in organizing this event and is asking for more than one person from ST TERESAS to attend the meetings. Asking for a representative of local organizations to attend like KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS etc. who would be willing to help with fundraisers and events in 2023. Margie requested that someone additional from ST TERESAS accompany her to the meetings.
- Unable to attend the November 17th meeting and waiting for the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- To discuss and develop a schedule for meetings for the upcoming year. July and August 2022 meeting months will be skipped.
 - January – December third Thursday of the month (except July & August) see attached meeting dates.
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- Draft of the Pastoral Council Bylaws written by Mr. Jerry Siuta was discussed. Parish Council Members were asked to review and discuss at December meeting. Draft attached.
- Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for December 12th. Parish Council Members are asked to attend.
- Road to Renewal and Narthex/Bathroom Project was discussed and will be revealed at the TH Meeting.
- Parish Financial Report was submitted by Wally. Members to review and ask/email Wally with any questions. Report attached.
- Father Art suggested a 10 pm or Midnight Mass instead of the traditional 8pm mass on Christmas Eve. It was moved that the 8pm Mass remains for this year.
- The Youth and Young Adult Program is going very well and represented by John Diggs and Tim Bergman. See attached memo from John on meeting dates. They are hoping one of the youths joins the parish council.
- Father Art asked for volunteers to assist/coordinate with events conducted by the DIOCESE in 2022. Day of Service event 10/22/2022 AND Parish Day of Prayer TBD.
- Deacon Ron made a motion to add the use of the parish halls for events such as baptism and funerals. The motion will be addressed at a later time.
- The Opening and Closing Prayers for next meeting will be presented by Steve and Deacon Ron respectfully.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER

- Father Art

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.