

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2022

OPENING PRAYER: Sister Ruth led the prayer for Ukraine.

PRESENT: Father Art, Sister Ruth, Barb Thoma, Jim Schneider, Tom Bergman

EXCUSED: Margie Wood, Dean Ron Adamczak

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes from FEBRUARY made by Jim and seconded by Sr Ruth All attendees were in favor, and it was Moved.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

A: Building & Grounds Committee: Jim

- The school boiler is complete.
- PA system was asked to be removed from Sr Ruth office. Deacon Ron is looking into a new system.
- Steve is working on the Sink in the sacristy because it is plugged.
- Old dishwasher removed from the parish hall kitchen.
- Stainless steel county top including trap was removed from the hall kitchen by Jim, Steve, Don and Brian.

B: Women's Guild Update: Barb

- Meeting held 3/1/2022
- Treasurer reports 1697.71 in savings and 1848.77 in checking.
- 850.70 given to foo pantry in Jan.
- Quilts to date are at #772 Discussed the procedure on blessing them.
- Convent Renovations: Painting and some needed repairs have been done. Microwave was donated to the convent.
- Respect for Life baby collection 3/19 and 20 and 26/27.
- The Guild Anniversary mass was Sunday 2/20 at the 8am mass. Celebration at Kaboodles produced a total of 16 guild members.
- Donation from the GUILD for Catholic Charities will not be funded this year. Instead, 300 will go to Response for Love.
- Will supply gifts for this year's reconciliation and communion. March 12th 6 children will receive prayer books and prayer cubes. No reception this year for communion.
- Bake Sale – April 24th , Flea Market-May 28th
- Craft Show October 1st.
- Next meeting is April 5th.

C: Religious Education Update: Sr Ruth

- Had 1st Penance for 6 children Saturday 3/12 went well.
- All grades going to confession during class time last week and the next two Sundays.
- First Communion set for May 14 she wasn't positive of the date.
- They are getting parents involved in their children's Faith Education as they prepare for Sacraments.
- Mass attendance cards will start again
- The Valentine's collection of personal care items for Response to Love was over whelming and after being sorted by the Faith Formation classes will be delivered..

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D: Knights of Columbus Update: Tom

- Meeting held on 3/15/2022
- Basket passing lead to a collection of \$356 for UKRAIN CRISIS and voted to add funds from account to make it an even \$600. The winner of their 50/50 donated their \$15.00 bringing the total to 615.00.
- Annual Meat Raffle for K/C Father Justin Council on 4/2
- Tentative date for the Chicken BBQ fundraiser is Saturday, July 30th.
- Asking St Teresas if we can do the Bottles for Babies along with OLP.
- Mothers Day breakfast is at OLP and is free, courtesy of the Knights. Will be selling raffle tickets at the event. The proceeds to go to their wheel chair and other medical devices charity.

COMMUNICATIONS:.

NEW BUSINESS:

All members are asked to begin thinking about and asking parishioners to join the Pastoral Council, we would like to have at least four or five new members. Fr. Art will plug from pulpit.

Road to renewal is moving along and we are trying to get more people to take the CLI survey.

Priest and Deacons are continuing to meet and are beginning to see ways we can work together.

We have gotten approval for half of our project from the Bishop. We will be moving ahead with the handicapped bathroom and new crying room project along with the new digital sign. A&E drawings and bids are being created and collected by LA Hauer-LaDuca Architect PC.

The Events Committee went to a meat raffle in Lackawanna and not only learned how to run one but had a great time and won lots of meat! Our Meat raffle is scheduled for Saturday October 15, 2022 to celebrate our Feast day of St. Teresa of Avila.

- **.MOTION TO ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 8PM
 - **CLOSING PRAYER** :Tom Bergman with a prayer of beatification of Father Baker

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM