

St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish Council
February 21, 2017– St. Philip Parish Hall

Present: Rod DeMartini (chair), Joe Conway, Peg Duffy, Edna Irving, Hal McGuirk, , Kelly McCool (ex. off.), Fr. Loren Allen (ex. off.),

Absent: Lou McCann, Marilyn Collins, Dolores Novello, Jim Komarek

Parishioners in attendance: Mary & Pat Griffith, Cathy McCool

Fr. Loren led the Council in prayer.

The minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

• Continuing Business

1. Rodney reported that the annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was held at the Union Hotel on February 14. Representatives of Catholic Charities reported on the diocesan Rural Food Program as well as the Family Support Center and the Palms residence for the homeless that are all supported by the St Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food program. Also, Fr. Ray Decker was present representing the Freitas Family Foundation. Rodney also reported that St. Philip Church will be open to clients, volunteers and visitors on Rural Food Tuesdays.
2. Liturgy Planning: Mary Griffith reported on the activities of the Liturgy Subcommittee that met on February 6. She reported that the committee has been working on ministry guidelines for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Servers. A workshop will be scheduled in order to present the guidelines to current and prospective ministers and provide additional education and support to these volunteers. She reported that the committee proposed that a communal Stations of the Cross be held on Friday, March 3 at 6 pm followed by a soup supper in the Parish Hall.
3. Kelly reported the re-roofing of the rectory will begin on February 22. He also reported that repairs will be made to the cross on the steeple of St. Teresa Church as well as work to address the roof leaks in the area of the organ at St. Teresa. Fr. Loren reported that he has contacted the Diocese regarding any liability issues concerning non-parishioners who use the parking lot at St. Philip. The discussion regarding daytime and overnight parking by non-parishioners and the need to inform local businesses about scheduled parish events that require the use of the entire parking lot has been postponed to the next meeting.
4. Fr. Loren reported that plate collections at St. Philip and St. Teresa are keeping pace with current expenses. He also reported that the diocese collects 14 cents of every dollar given in the first collection.

• New Business

1. The Council reviewed the 2017 event calendar for the parish.
 - a. Celebrate 2017, January 14 – Cathy McCool reported that the Celebrate event netted approximately \$40,000. The new auctioneer and MC were positively received and the changes to the menu and food service got positive reviews by attendees.
 - b. St. Patrick’s Dinner, March 11 – Cathy McCool reported that the Boosters Club has traditionally organized this event but that several key members are not available this year. Cathy has had other parishioners volunteer to assist.
 - c. St. Teresa Restoration Pancake Breakfast, April 23
 - d. Casino Night, May 20
 - e. Choir Music Event, June 4
 - f. Celebration of Parish Volunteers, August 14
 - g. St. Teresa Guild Pancake Breakfast, September 3
 - h. Parish Picnic, September 10
 - i. Ravioli Luncheon, October 7
2. The report on the Center Island Project has been postponed to the next meeting.
3. Cathy McCool reported that the \$25 liquor license for parish events is adequate as long as there is no bottled liquor offered in raffle or auction prizes. If these prizes include bottle liquor the license fee per event is \$125. If a certificate for liquor is offered as a prize the \$25 license is adequate.
4. Pat Griffith informed the Council that he will be offering a Scripture Study regarding Jesus and the Messianic History of Israel. There will be four two-hour sessions on 3/17, 3/21, 3/28 and 4/7 from 10-noon at St Philip. He will be announcing this Scripture Study at all Masses.
5. Rodney suggested that the Parish Council discuss what additional support is needed to organize and carry out parish events. He is concerned that too few volunteers are carrying the responsibility and the risk for burnout. There is also a need to recruit new volunteers.
6. Fr. Loren and Rodney suggest that a gathering of all parish volunteers and their supporters be schedule on August 14 beginning with a celebration of Eucharist at 5 pm followed by a catered reception in the Parish Hall. This would also give the new pastor an opportunity to meet and greet parishioners who generously serve the parish community. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

7. Fr. Loren reported that he has met with parishioner Sheila Almquist regarding a project in the Diocese of Kenya to provide water for a Catholic school. He said that the Diocese has a special relationship with Kenya who provides several visiting priests for Santa Rosa. Fr. Loren gave permission for the use of the parish hall at no charge for a future fundraising event that would be organized by Sheila.
8. Rodney reported that all data collected from parishioners last Fall has been entered. About half of registered parishioners have responded.

NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY, MARCH 27
12:00-1:30 p.m. St. Philip Parish Hall