**St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish Council Minutes**

**July 10, 2019– St. Philip Parish Hall**

Present: Fr. Bala (ex. off.), Joe Conway Chair, Hal McGuirk, Peg Duffy, , Dolores Novello Mary Griffith (ex. off), Susan Small,. Absent Marilyn Collins,

Fr. Bala led the Council in opening prayer.

The minutes of the March 20 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Fr. Bala was welcomed to our amazing parish.

**Ongoing Business**

## Rural Foods: Hal reports May 14, 89 families, 125 adults, 33 children and 33 seniors were served. On July 9, 95 families, 134 adults, 35 children and 33 seniors were served. Rural Foods continues to progress with the new sources of food and deliveries.

**Liturgy Report:** Mary reports the Liturgy Committee received an update from the St Teresa guild regarding various happenings in the church (votive candles will be extinguished, painting outside, defibrillator installed), we reviewed the Lenten/Easter season, Janis has scheduled a Christmas sing-along rather than the gospel sing-along this year. Planning a scheduled retreat during Advent, TBA.

**Finance Report**: Fr. Bala reports attending his first Finance meeting June 25th.

**Old Business Updates:**

AED at St. Teresa’s installed and the other two are in the process of acquisition. Penny is looking into acquiring one or two for St. Philips and the Hall.

St. Teresa Restoration Fund Breakfast raised $975 and the food was tasty with Volunteers doing a great job as always.

Parish Picnic was a huge hit with many thanks to Edna Irving. This item needs to be addressed in the way of funding.

**New business:**

Fr. Bala commented on Parish Council being consultative and an important part of the parish working well.

Parish Council member search is a work in progress…

New liturgical appointments have been installed at St. Teresa’s thanks to the Restoration Fund. Sacristy light, Pascal candlestick, bells and processional cross are in keeping with the historical nature of St Teresa verses the modern ones.

Mary, Our Lady of Grace statue acquisition was approved and will be placed in St Teresa’s. A proper place for Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows will be found.

Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady Mass at 5 O’clock at St Philips and to follow a Volunteer Appreciation dinner at the Union Hotel.

St. Teresa Guild Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for September 1.

Fashion Show scheduled for September 28.

The painting of St. Teresa’s is scheduled to commence September 30.

Approval for removal of shrubberies around St. Teresa’s is in progress for funding.

Next Parish Council meeting October 2 at 10 AM.

Closing prayer by Fr. Bala.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, October 2 10 to 11:30**