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

**October 2, 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 July 10, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Ongoing Business**

Rural Foods: Third month of new food distribution system. Some bumps but running smoother every month. On October 8 we welcomed **99** families representing **139** adults, **42** children, and **37** seniors for a total of **218** people receiving nutritional support.

During Fiscal Year 2019 the St. Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food Program acquired over 96,000 pounds of food from the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We purchased additional food, eggs, and produce from our local community. This represents the equivalent of over 80,000 meals.

Liturgy Report:Following our regularly scheduled daily masses, Fr. LaRocca will engage parishioners for a one-hour talk. The focus of the short daily homily will be integrated with the Advent Mission theme to complement and further guide the participants on the journey.

Through our theme, “On Pilgrimage to the Interior Bethlehem of the Heart,” Details to be posted in parish bulletins.

Finance Report: Fr. Bala reports collections are down, parish must come up with a five year plan. New date for joint PC and FC to be set. Diocese is requiring a safe in the sacristy and chain of possession for security bags.

**Old Business Updates:**

AED at St. Teresa’s installed and the one at St. Philips is on order

Parish Council member search is a work in progress… perhaps evening meetings to attract working people. Perhaps notice in parish bulletin.

Our Lady of Sorrow at St. Teresa’s to be moved to St. Philip’s Choir Loft. Or to St. Philips Hall

St. Teresa’s Guild made $1900 at the Pancake Breakfast.

Fashion Show was a success.

St. Teresa’s is to be painted September 30.

Landscaping update: irrigation maintenance to be covered by St. Teresa’s Restoration Fund for approximately $450. Landscaping plants and planting under discussion and funding sources.

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 was a success and should become an annual event with cost reductions of menu items

**New business:**

Celebrate scheduled for January 26 at 4 PM.

Checking on St. Patrick’s Dinner March 14th. Check with Cathy McCool.

Parish Picnic under discussion as to venue and date.

Volunteer Appreciation was well received but hopes to reduce cost going forward. Looking for options to save money as reducing menu items.

Fashion show went smoothly; ticket sales were $1600 but expenses not total up as of this writing. Susan Small is retiring from this event and looking for an heir. September 26

St. Teresa’s Guild September 6th

Next Parish Council meeting December 3 at 10 AM. Changed to December 4 at 11\*.

Closing prayer by Fr. Bala.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, December 4 at 11:00**