St. Philip-St. Teresa Parish Council Minutes

December 3, 2020

Present: Joe Conway (Chair), Peg Duffy, Mary Griffith (Liturgy), Dolores Novello, Fr. Bala,

 Sid Tarango, Hal McGuirk, Janis Wilson, Diane Schwab (Recorder)

Opening Prayer: Fr. Bala

Minutes of October 20th Meeting: Approved as submitted

Ongoing Business

 Rural Food Program Report – Hal McGuirk

 Participation was up last month with close to 80 families.

 Preparing for rainy weather with tents to protect volunteers distributing supplies.

 Star Child Update: Parishioners donated over $2100 to fund gift cads for 51 children in

 our program, for distribution 12/8.

 Liturgy Committee – Mary Griffith

 Discussion of preparation for Christmas Services:

 Holiday Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve 2:00 PM at St. Philip’s

 Christmas Day 8:00 AM at St. Philip’s

 9:30 AM at St. Teresa’s

 New Year’s Day 8:00AM at St. Philip’s

 9:30 AM at St. Teresa’s

 Decorations will consist of a small tree, some poinsettias, and a Nativity set-up

 at each Christmas Mass. In case of rain, services will be cancelled.

 COVID Screening Update for Masses: Temperatures will no longer be taken per CDC

 Recommendations since carriers may be asymptomatic.

 Finance Council Report – Fr. Bala

 We are able to meet operating expenses at this time with current cash flow.

 Bill McCann’s foundation donated $1000 to the Endowment Fund. Annual interest

 from the Endowment Fund brought $4750 to the Parish. Council is beginning

 budget preparation for the fiscal period January-June.

New Business

1. Welcome Letter to New Parishioners

Diane Schwab will draft the letter, to be sent to Fr. Bala and Parish Council members

for input and final approval.

1. Donor Recognition

Val tracks all donations and submits annual summary to donors for tax purposes. Hal and

Cathy send individual thank you letters for large, one-time donations to Rural Food.

No change in current process at this time.

1. Fund Raising Activities: Two Proposals
2. In lieu of Celebrate, Mark Stapp from Finance Council suggested inviting prior participants to a virtual event to maintain contact – potential GoFundMe Event.
3. Diane suggested a letter to prior participants, acknowledging there will be no event this year, but updating them on Parish activities and thanking them for their support in the past. No appeal for donations.

Diane will follow up with Mark and members of the Celebrate Committee on the proposals. Parish Council members will be notified of final decision.

1. Advent Retreat with Fr. Christopher is ongoing, well-received by participants.

(about 7 attendees per session)

Next Meeting: February 3, 2021 at 4:00PM