

April 17, 2024

A meeting of the St. Teresa Parish Council was held at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Present were Fr. Jerome Spexarth, Bill Rumback, Lori Bird, Rosa Fast, Elaine McCrary, Betty Davis, Kay Dechant, Frank Barron, Jeanette Casida, and Kathy Carroll

The meeting began with opening prayer.

Committee and constituent reports:

Stewardship of Hospitality

Welcome Committee– Rosa Fast

No new report

Vocation/Serra Club – Ana Rumback

World Day of Prayer for Vocations was commemorated on April 21. A Rosary for Priests was held at St Teresa and Holy Cross on April 24. May Baskets for the Hutchinson IHM sisters and Sister Agatha were made with the help from Thursday morning St. Teresa's Cursillo group.

Homebound/Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Jeanette Casida

There are 5 to 6 regular ministers, which is currently enough. We are still waiting for new ones to be trained.

Stewardship of Prayer

Liturgy -Jeanette Casida

Holy Week and Triduum liturgies were beautiful, well prepared and rehearsed. Attendance was almost the same as it has been for the last 2 years. Easter Sunday was better. The most poorly attended was the Easter Vigil which may have been because all the Baptisms and Confirmations have been done at Holy Cross.

There is a note on the combination schedule on the bulletin board for the musicians to write down their schedule.

There are 4 new people in training for Eucharistic Ministers.

Rosa Fast has agreed to take over Usher scheduling.

Jesse is training new boys to fill in for servers that are graduating. David Therriot has resumed serving on weekdays and funerals.

Cursillo – Lori Bird

A date has not yet been set for the Fall Cursillo weekend.

Adoration – Lori Bird

No new report

Prayer Line – Lori Bird

No new report

Stewardship of Formation

PSR – Kay Dechant

There were 8 students confirmed at Holy Cross this year. There were 5 First communicants in the PSR program. The final family get together was April 28. Overall, PSR went very well this year. Kay is planning to take the catechists out for dinner.

CYM – No report

Trinity High School – No report

RCIA – Elaine McCrary

Fr Jerome and Deacon Hap did an impressive job shepherding the 14 Candidates and Catechumens that last few months. The Easter Vigil was powerful. Elaine asks all to continue welcoming these fully initiated Catholics to help them continue to grow in faith and integration into our community life.

St Dismas Prison Ministry – Elaine McCrary

No new report

ACTS- Lori Bird

The most recent ACTS weekend went well. The next Women's retreat is Sept. 9, 2024 and the Men's is Nov. 7, 2024.

Stewardship of Service

Stewardship Committee- Kathy Carroll

The parishioners that signed up to help but did not indicate a ministry have been contacted. Dean Heke of Holy Cross along with Fr Jerome are working on a new format for stewardship forms like the one used in the past. The forms will be available the entire month of November.

Altar Society – Betty Davis

The March 17 meeting was well attended. It was a business meeting with election of officers: President – Lor Bird; Vice President – Trish Stacey; Secretary – Tammy Ediger; Treasurer – Betty Davis. The ladies also played Bunco.

Church cleaning – Jeanette Casida

New people have been added to the cleaning crew.

Soup Kitchen- Betty Davis

Jackie Oglesby reports that all is going well. Labels will be put on the “to go” boxes to let people know that St. Teresa Parish provided the meal.

Funeral dinners – Betty Davis

Connie Dillon reports that all is going well. She wanted to let the Parish Council know how much the new kitchen in the Parish Hall is appreciated. A big THANK YOU to Fr. Jerome.

Facilities – Frank Barron

The Parish Hall kitchen is completed. The marquee sign has new lights. The steeple work is done. The signs for the Parish Hall rooms are in the works. Saturday, May 4 will be the Parish clean up day beginning at 8 am. Lunch will be served. The Mary statue that is set in the north parking lot grass area is being repainted. Frank says the maintenance around the area needs to be discussed. An additional security camera will be placed on the west side of the altar for a better view of the cross and shroud. The new AC unit for the choir loft has been installed. Jim Seitnater is working on the Historical grant for a new roof for the church. Key cards for entrance to the Parish Hall are being made.

Gift Shop - Julia Hulse

No new report

Cemetery – Bill Hermes

No new report

Knights of Columbus – Bill Rumbach

The Easter Egg hunt had a good turnout despite the weather. For reference, the officers of the #612 Knights of Columbus are: Tom Severin – Grand Knight; Eric Lutz – Deputy Grand Knight; and Chaplain - Fr. Weldon.

Finance – Bill Hermes

No meeting has been scheduled.

Old Business:

Bill Hermes reports that the urn carrier should be ready in a few weeks.

The sound system in the church is in progress. Frank will meet with the distributor to finalize details. There have been a few problems with the hearing aid devices. Fr. Jerome will address these issues.

The meeting ended with prayer intentions and a closing prayer.

Next meeting – **Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Minutes submitted by Rosa Fast