

**Pastoral Council Meeting Summary**  
**St. Teresa of Calcutta**  
September 30, 2017

In attendance: Father Marcin Pluciennik, Steve Surprenant, Kate Deasy, Ray Dussault, Linda Bouchie, Dorothy Brindisi, Carol Kulpa, Kathy Gala, Marianne Policastro, Joan Gleason, Kelly Knotts, Evan Shaw Mumford, Frank Mello, and Nancy Bojarski

**I. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

- The meeting commenced at 9:05 AM (Location: St. Bartholomew – Father Hussey Hall)

- Steve shared a reflection then led the Council in an Opening Prayer

**II. Pastoral Council Meeting Summary Review** The meeting summary of St Teresa of Calcutta Pastoral Council (6/24/2017) was approved as circulated

**III. Pastoral Guidelines (revised draft)** The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Pastoral Council Guidelines were reviewed and approved as amended.

**IV. New Business**

- **Meeting Date/Time** After discussion, the Council members decided that for the remainder of the current term year (2017/18) Council meetings will be held on Saturday morning between 9 AM and 10:30 AM at the St Bartholomew Church location. Upcoming meetings will be scheduled for every other month totaling 5 meetings (Sept. Nov. Jan. March and May) Exact dates will be determined by the meeting room availability.

- **Election of Officers** Council members were elected for the following positions for the current term year (2017/18):  
**Chairperson – Steve Suprenant**  
**Vice Chairperson – Frank Mello**  
**Secretary – Linda Bouchie**

- **Music Director Search** The search is over. Leslie Merwin has been announced as the new Music and Liturgy Leader. As representatives of the Search committee, Linda and Kelly spoke of Leslie's merit to the Council. Leslie's start date will be during the second week of October, 2017. After she has actively joined the Leadership team and has met with both Church Choirs, Leslie will be formally introduced to the Parish.

- **American Flag placement** In response to requests for the American Flag being placed in the church: Technically we are part of the Vatican Church and we celebrate liturgy as the Universal Catholic Church of Rome, as such, the American flag, or any other country's flag should not be displayed on the altar. However, the Parish of Saint Teresa of Calcutta will proudly display the American Flag in both Church entrances near books of remembrance.

- **Prayer Disruption at St Bartholomew Church** Being sympathetic to the complaints of noise interruption from the side door closing by parishioners (young and old) during the Mass, attention shall be focused on adjusting the door hinges to try and eliminate such an audible offence. Patience is requested to pardon such traffic as well as any sound of kneelers being stowed back.

- **Five things for Council Review** Father Marcin alluded to his agenda for the Council's next meeting that will include five specific topics to discuss.

- **Masses Stream Online** The Parish is currently in the proposal stage of having a live streaming option and needs to seek competitive Vendors. The thought is having the capability to stream weekend Masses as well as Weddings or other Church functions.

- V. Education Component** Steve shared a few PowerPoint slides that demonstrated the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church which enlightened the Council about certain reporting structures at the top with the Pope, as well as at our local Parish level. It has been proposed that the last 30 minutes of Pastoral Council meetings be available for any instruction, education or proposals from the Leadership Team.
- VI. Old Business** Focus on the Young Adult and Young family demographic has not been forgotten. The proposed survey has been tabled for the time being. As of this date, two trips have been planned to investigate other Parish success in evangelizing and retaining young members. One trip is to Maryland and the other trip is to Canada. With these newly inspired ideas combined with some money set aside earmarked for the 5PM Sunday Mass, there may evolve a Mass possibly with contemporary music and/or interactive media. Both the new Music Director and Youth Ministry Leader will enlist Peer Ministers and Confirmation students in order to orchestrate such a dynamic Mass Liturgy, hopefully that is attractive to Young Adults.
- VII. Closing Prayer** We adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am, with a prayer.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on a Saturday in November TBD at 9 AM in a Saint Bartholomew Meeting room.

**Future Meetings:**

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

Saturday, Mar. 17, 2018

Saturday, Jun. 9, 2018

(All meetings are held from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Parish Education and Meeting Center at St. Bartholomew Church.)

