

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11th, 2021, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Jeanne Baer, Bob Brandon, Bernadette Dalton, Fr. Tom Haley, Deacon Al Love, Kathy Magrecki, Jane Orlando, Lorenzo Robinson, Christine Stoverink, Corrin Thornton, Eileen Weiskopf

Excused Absence: Jeff Finnegan, Miriam Gutting, Lisa Lonero, Margaret Toney, and Addie Govero, School Principal

Corrin Thornton, Chairperson, officiated and meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Haley

Approval of Minutes: Christine Stoverink motioned to accept minutes as written and Kathy Magrecki seconded; minutes approved.

New Business:

Went around the room to introduce each other and specifically welcome our new members, Jane Orlando, Eileen Weiskopf, and Lorenzo Robinson.

Deacon Al stated that typically we nominate our Vice Chair, but the only individuals eligible are the new members, whose terms end December 2023. It is the custom for the Vice Chair to serve and then assume the role of Chairperson the following year. Our remaining 8 members roll off at the end of this year, December 2021. Selection of Vice Chair tabled until the February meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion opened regarding Communications within the parish and school. The main concern is being aware of occurrences that either we do not receive in the bulletin, or at Mass. Currently, our Advancement Director, Erin Lee updates the school website, and specifically on Facebook, but typically not parish information.

From our Listening sessions, 2 groups were created, 1 being Communication, led by Rob Grumich and the other Engagement, led by Mike Noelker. Each group met several times during the 1st quarter of 2020 until COVID restricted in-person meetings.

A big concern is that the parish cannot employ or staff someone to administer and/or maintain such duties; therefore, this task will require volunteers to step forward. It was also suggested we ask how communication is handled in other parishes if there is not a full-time staff.

Applications used in the past are Flock Notes, a free text-driven app requiring cell phone numbers and requires someone in charge to receive message for distribution and send. My Parish App is a downloadable application on any device but does need someone to maintain and/or administer and is more of a marketing application/platform.

It was suggested that we check with other parishes as to how announcements are handled if there is not a full-time staff member available.

At one of the last Communication committee meetings, Rob Grumich had volunteered to communicate parish information when necessary.

Since a lot of our in-person activities have been cancelled/postponed, due to COVID, the question is do we need something different now, or wait past COVID? We have fish fries and there will be a virtual trivia scheduled. These events need to be communicated.

Funeral announcements should be communicated, and it was suggested that permission be obtained from the family to post in whatever format is best. Jeanne will work with Carol and Rob.

Consensus is we need to target our communications to the various platforms' parishioners use. Provide or state information is available and use what we have already.

Chris Stoverink volunteered to contact Erin Lee to inquire and obtain her suggestions.

A lot of the social media applications/platforms used will indeed hit someone's notification, and there should reach out each person's contacts/friends, thereby spreading communication even further.

Final Thoughts/Comments/Concerns:

Bernadette requested that all members provide a brief biography to include, but not limited to, name, how long in the parish, employment, family information, ministries and parish service. Each member's biography will be published in the bulletin as a way for parishioners to know parish council.

Thank you for missalettes being distributed.

Electronic offering increased from 20% before and now 30% plus!

Closing Prayer: Deacon Al

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8th, 2021

Blessings, love and peace,

Bernadette Dalton
Parish Council Secretary