

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 8th, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

Excused Absence: Jeff Finnegan, Margaret Toney, and Addie Govero, School Principal

Corrin Thornton, Chairperson, officiated and meeting opened at 7:02 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Haley

Approval of Minutes: Tabled approval of February's minutes until April's meeting due to receiving financial update to be included from Deacon Al Love.

New Business:

Fish Fries – 2/19 (cancelled), 3/5 and 3/19 – Discussed the operations of the fish fries in general. Option to order online and prepay. At time of pickup, directed to either the pre-order line or the regular drive thru line. Approximately \$4,000.00 was made 3/5. The procedure seems to be working well and will continue for one more scheduled date of 3/19. Bob Brandon was the volunteer of the day!

Principal search – Father Haley stated 4 people have applied; 2 approved to date by archdiocese. A search committee has been formed and will begin interviews soon. Currently, there are 5 other parishes looking for a principal. Addie has accepted the position of Regional Education Director in North County. There are also 4 teachers leaving, all for various reasons.

Financial update – Deacon Al reported. Ended last FY negative, but not as negative as budgeted. Better than expected, but still negative. This coming year, ACA grant will be reduced by 10%, \$23,000.00. Will have to make this up. Enrollment declined; expenses have increased such as health insurance. Why reduction? Archdiocese has less funds and more applications for grant assistance. How is amount determined? By the number of parishioners and school children. Initially we received \$200,000.00; 2 years later \$250,000.00; 2 years later \$243,000.00. We were told thru history; money will not always be there. What is causing lack of money? Offertory is up by 5%. June 2019 to June 2020, same number of parishioners. Today we are close to the same. May get more offertory if attended Mass, but not a lot. Parishioners continue to either mail or drop off. Costs are up, 2.7% salaries increase and health insurance up 5.4%. Tuition does not keep up. We have needier and needier families. There are costs vs. revenue. Fundraisers need to be coordinated and there are other grants besides ACA. Other schools are feeling the same; difference is number of parishioners. This information should be shared with as many of our BTC leaders as possible. Over ½ of our students are non-Catholic. This financial status needs to be shared positively to entire parish community. This is not meant to be doom and gloom, but awareness and we cannot run deficit indefinitely. We Make a Difference is at \$57,000.00 and goal is \$100,000.00. BTC traditionally responds well in a crisis.

Old Business:

Vice Chair – Lisa Lonero nominated Jane Orlando as 1st Vice Chair. Christine Stoverink nominated Eileen Weiskopf as 2nd Vice Chair. If you are scheduled to leave council, please provide replacement name.

Lenten Series / Weekly Communication Emails – Wednesday Lenten series continues with approximately 20-25 attending. The weekly emails are being distributed.

Final Thoughts/Comments/Concerns:

50 people allowed at each Mass and if families arrive together, they may be seated in the same pew. 4:30 PM Saturday and 8:15 AM are near capacity. 10:30 AM is least attended. Masses are still being live-streamed.

Reservations are required for Easter as done for Christmas.

Bernadette reminded all to 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.

April 25th will be Virtual Auction.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Al

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12th, 2021

Blessings, love and peace,

Bernadette Dalton

Parish Council Secretary