

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 10th, 2021

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

Excused Absence: Bernadette Dalton and Margaret Toney

Corrin Thornton, Chairperson, officiated and meeting opened at 7:08 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Tom Haley

Approval of Minutes: 1) Financial update (paragraph 2 in New Business), Deacon Al reported. “Thru end of February 2021, parish operating loss of \$3K versus budgeted loss of \$35K. Parish net loss of \$54K versus budgeted net loss of \$41K. School operating loss of \$24K versus budgeted loss of \$65K. School net loss of \$24K versus budgeted net loss of \$83K. Better than planned but still a loss”.

2) Remove Addie (and new principal) from excused absence list; attendance not required

3) Financial update (paragraph 3) - health insurance increase 5.4% (not .4%)

Jane Orlando motioned to accept minutes as amended and Kathy Magrecki seconded.

New Business

Financial Update: Deacon Al reported. Slight improvement over February. Thru end of March 2021, parish operating loss of \$2K versus budgeted loss of \$36K. Parish net loss of \$51K versus budgeted net loss of \$40K. School operating loss of \$15K versus budgeted loss of \$66K. School net loss of \$17K versus budgeted net loss of \$84K.

School Staffing Update: Fr. Haley reported all but one teacher position has been filled. Hired six new people so far (including principal). Salary requirements are close to current staff costs. Have not addressed cost of benefits for new employees yet.

Church Capacity Change – Fr. Haley reported the weekend of May 22nd-23rd, 2021, Pentecost weekend, we will move to every other pew versus current every third pew, but with the same in-pew restrictions. We will start using servers if we can locate some who want to serve. After pandemic, we will continue to livestream one Mass per weekend. It is only necessary to spray pews after 8:15 AM Sunday Mass.

Parish Festival – Fr. Haley reported. Discussed whether we should have a festival and “flavor/theme” it could be. Would be October 2nd, 2021 (1st Saturday in October). Require a chairperson as Renee Diamond does not want to do it again. Last year’s festival, due to COVID, was a drive thru food event with raffle baskets and two 50/50 raffle pots. Discussed ideas of virtual event, family picnic outside with music and perhaps kids games and color run, and Mass on the field. Miriam commented that

she knew of an Irish band that perhaps could play. No decisions made except to place announcement in bulletin requesting someone to volunteer as leader.

Communications – Chris Stoverink reported. Rob Grumich does not want to be responsible for One Call setup and maintenance. Set-up will be the most difficult. Will need someone in charge of the messaging as well once set up. Will require rules of what we would broadcast, i.e., funeral, parish events. There are 3 databases that need to be combined: 1) parish, 2) school, and 3) We Make a Difference Campaign. For now, funerals are not being put on the online calendar, but are published in bulletin and Carol posts a picture of deceased with announcement by elevator in the back of church. We need to find people to handle and whether we want to implement and maintain One Call. No decisions made.

Old Business

EANS (Emergency Assistance Non-public Schools) – Deacon Al reported. Application has been submitted and tentatively approved for an allocation of \$180K, although this doesn't mean we will actually receive that amount – determinations still being worked out as to amount of money they will be able to distribute. Deacon Al and Principal Mrs. Govero have created a list of items totaling \$25K for reimbursement of funds for things we have purchased that qualify, as well as a list of things to purchase in the future totaling \$155K.

Auction – School auction made \$73K this year – exceeding last year and being highest total ever!

Final Thoughts/ Comments/ Concerns

For Blessed Teresa's feast day on September 5th, 2021, the new archbishop will be here for Mass. Jeff Finnegan is checking whether any Sisters of Charity can attend. Depending on COVID restrictions, may or may not need to make reservations.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Al Love

Next Meeting: Monday, June 14th, 2021, 7PM

Blessings, love and peace,

Bernadette Dalton

Parish Council Secretary

(Deacon Al Love and Jane Orlando took notes due to my absence)