

**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 2021**

Attendees: Bob Brandon, Bernadette Dalton, Miriam Gutting, Fr. Haley, Deacon Al Love, Kathy Magrecki, Jane Orlando, Lorenzo Robinson, Christine Stoverink, Margaret Toney, Eileen Weiskopf

Excused Absence: Jeanne Baer, Lisa Lonero, Corrin Thornton

Jane Orlando, Vice Chair, officiated and meeting opened at 7:03 PM

Opening Prayer: Father Haley read the *All Things New* Archdiocese of STL prayer. This prayer will be recited at all parish leadership meetings.

Approval of Minutes: Christine Stoverink motioned to accept minutes with changes/corrections Eileen Weiskopf seconded. Minutes approved.

New Business

Financial Update – First quarter of new year is on target. School is a little behind, since EANS funding payment has still not been received. Parish is ahead on the budget. Offertory has been remarkably good. Expenses for the school are in line with the budget. Festival profit is right around \$13,000. However, we have not received the invoice or paid M&L for the chicken. We still made money on the festival.

2022 Parish Council Members – All are scheduled to rotate off except Jane Orlando, Lorenzo Robinson, and Eileen Weiskopf. Father asked if anyone scheduled to rotate off wanted to remain due to the Strategic Planning. There was a discussion regarding lack of church attendance, need for Bible study and/or spiritual talks. Being a part and providing a voice in the Strategic Planning is a great opportunity. It is a chance to grow and process the best way to proclaim the Gospel by doing and exploring how to make Jesus known to as many as people as possible. To date, Lisa Lonero, Miriam Gutting and Margaret Toney may continue. Other members will discern and advise of decision at our next meeting, December 13th, as well as provide a name or two for consideration. It was decided to prepare a message for publication stating we are seeking volunteers or nominations for parish council members, 3-year term. Some names provided to contact are Connor Grumich, Anna Wenger, and Frannie Heiligenstein.

Upcoming Events

Fall Play November 11th – 1:30 PM Dress rehearsal, 6:30 PM Parents and immediate family.
Planning to live-stream, You Tube

First Reconciliation November 16th, 6:00 PM

Old Business

Strategic Planning – 5 individuals have been selected for the Pastoral Council from our parish: Bernadette Dalton, Jane Orlando, Dan Weyrauch, Mike Noelker, and Monica Hawkins. Primary point of contact is Deacon Al Love. This council will provide communication to the whole parish. Data is to be collected / sought from the parish. A good place to find out information regarding Strategic Planning will be in the STL Review too.

First Communicants – Precious Blood – Fr. Haley stated that we cannot receive the Precious Blood until approval / okay from the Archdiocese.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – The decision we discussed was provided to the requestor.

Final Thoughts/ Comments/ Concerns –

Parishioners may have live streaming for a religious event, such as Baptism, wedding, or funeral. Request is required for it to be scheduled.

There should only be one Facebook page for BTC. It looks as though the Men's club now has a BTC page. All activities and news should only be on the one page. The Men's club do plan to clean up every other week on Saturday at 7AM, but anyone is invited to participate.

Mary Weiskopf would like to spear-head and requests approval to provide donuts/muffins after the Thanksgiving Day Mass.

Pancake breakfast hosted by the Youth Group went well. This is a once-a-month activity.

8:15 AM Mass was very warm making it necessary to adjust thermostat accordingly.

Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 25th is a SVDP mass.

SVDP Drive Thru Collection, Saturday, November 13th from 9AM – 12 Noon – Engagement Committee will be collecting coats, gloves, hats and socks. Also, will be collecting canned foods, non-perishable food items, and cleaning supplies too! Items will be donated to SVDP Society for distribution.

December meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. At 7PM we will have Leadership Christmas dinner with the Education Board and Finance Council. The parish will provide the main course, and council members will bring a side dish, coordinated thru email.

Closing Prayer: Miriam Gutting

Meeting adjourned: 8:03 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, December 13th at 6:30 PM; dinner at 7PM in the Parish Hall.

Blessings, love, and peace,

Bernadette Dalton

Parish Council Secretary