

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12th, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

Excused Absence: Jeanne Baer, and Margaret Toney

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Haley

Approval of Minutes: Chris Stoverink motioned to approve February minutes and Lisa Lonero seconded. Jane Orlando motioned to approve March minutes and Lisa Lonero seconded. Both February and March 2021 minutes were approved.

New Business:

Robo Calls – Included quotes / notes for both mentioned below

- Flock Notes
- One Call Now – Most cost-effective platform

Quotes and notes provided by Erin Lee, Advancement Director. One Call Now offers more, but are we able to afford? Discussed in length. These findings and suggestions should be taken to the Communications committee, Rob Grumich, Chair, for their recommendation and have a plan in place such as who will do and maintain. Databases should be obtained and cleaned up since all age groups want to have better and more effective communications. Names, telephone numbers and email, if applicable, will be required. Parish list should be compared with Rob's list which includes alumni. Chris Stoverink volunteered to reach out to Rob regarding our discussion and to move forward.

Financial update – 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.

Required to submit preliminary school budget to the Education office before distributing 2021-2022 teacher contracts. School has to have a balanced budget and savings may have to be used to cover loss. There is a \$100K loss based on assumptions. The replacement / new hires for principal and 3 teachers' salaries are 2.7% increase and 5.4% increase for health insurance. Enrollment for K to 8th grade number is 170, but more realistic number is 165. Currently we have 181. Pre-K (3 and 4 years old) may have between 16 and 20. Parish close to break even.

Finance approved tuck pointing of church doors to begin next week to July for \$53K. The stairs to Millman Drive are to be replaced but will wait until school is out for the Summer to begin that project at \$23K. It was suggested that Deacon Al should contact the Archdiocese for financial assistance since this is considered a safety issue.

Easter collection was higher. People are doubling donations for tax purposes. More people donating IRA charitable qualified distribution (tax-free donation). Ahead thru February in offertory.

Why was the number reduced from 181 to 165? A big 8th grade class is graduating. Families have moved. There are students now attending STEAM. Kindergarten enrollment is approximately 14.

Budget to be revised one more time; budget was approved, and teacher contracts were distributed.

On the upside, we are able to apply for EANS (Emergency Assistance Non-public Schools), reimbursement for Covid-related purchases. Plan is to purchase 30 Chrome books, software package closing gap (technology), and Summer school payment. April 30, application deadline; May 31, award notification; August 31, purchases made. \$180,000.00 is available and we could be awarded \$30 to \$50,000.00.

Old Business:

Fish Fries – First one, March 5th, was better than the second, March 19th. Profit for both fish fries is \$4,100.00 (post meeting correction), which was average from fish fries in the past, \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00.

Principal search – Father Haley stated 5 people have applied and were on the original list, but now there are 4. 1 candidate visited the school yesterday and interviewed and currently waiting for response as whether or not will accept. If not, will need to begin the process all over again. There are only 3 teachers leaving, all for various reasons. The Pre-K teacher that was assisting part-time has accepted as full-time position.

Final Thoughts/Comments/Concerns:

Auction is virtual, but there have been several registrations/reservations for the dinner. Sponsorship, gifts, and bidding seems to be going pretty well too.

Discussion regarding BTC church capacity since some people are hearing and seeing different actions at other churches/parishes. Fr. Haley stated we are indeed following Diocese and CDC guidelines.

People need feeling of belonging, and some feel as though they do not, by various means of communication, e.g.: verbally communicated, but posted on website differently.

Upcoming 8th grade graduation should be able to accommodate more than just the student and immediate family.

Fr. Haley and Deacon Al will discuss this further during staff meeting and also discuss with the Liturgy committee.

Thank you for all the preparation and presentations of the Lenten Wednesday prayer nights. A special thank you for all of our leaders, that God and the Holy Spirit will guide and protect all!

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. To date, still require a bio from Miriam Gutting, Lisa Lonerio, Lorenzo Robinson, Margaret Toney, and Eileen Weiskopf.

Deacon Al stated there was an email delivered to all Parish leaders requesting completion of a survey by April 26th, 2021, prepared by the North County Deanery Federation.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Al

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 10th, 2021

Blessings, love and peace,

Bernadette Dalton

Parish Council Secretary