

**Saint Therese Pastoral Council Meeting: August 15, 2021**

**Approved minutes: on September 19, 2021**

**Members Present: Father Mark, Father Bernard, Clark R. (chair), Aisling Z., Andy P. (secretary), Ian C., Peter O., Bridget B., Paula K., Rick F. and Jim B. Guests: Katie Hayes, Steve Tero, and Robert Gordon**

**Ex-officio: Melinda D.**

1. Katie Hayes, Steve Tero, and Robert Gordon were introduced to the council and interacted with the current members. Each of the three has since become a member of the Pastoral Council.
2. The Council acknowledged with gratitude the effective service of Jim Benson (former chair) and James Hall, both of whom are leaving the council, as their terms expire.
3. The council discussed the need for additional membership with a desire that new members represent the diversity of the St. Therese parish community.
4. The Pastoral Council discussed briefly the approved Pastoral Plan and the need to adhere to its objectives and goals.
5. In his report Father Mark reminded the Pastoral Council that the Pastoral Plan was a “living document” to be constantly consulted, and even modified, when needed.
6. Melinda Drury, Parish Manager, reported that 2022 offertory budget has been increased from \$1.5 to \$1.8 million and that all submitted 2022 budgets were approved. She also mentioned the hiring of Kelli Olszewski as the Director of Religious Education and the resignation of Stephanie as our Director of Music.
7. Rick F. reported that the 2021 income is at 124% of budget and expenses at 84% of budget. We complimented all involved with the great financial success.
8. December 9 will be the Vigil Project concern on campus, sponsored by the Ecumenism Commission.
9. Liturgy and Worship is seeking candidates for the Homebound Ministry leadership. Rosemary is in need of additional assistance in directing this group.
10. Plans for the Ministry Summit of 9/11/21, including the speaker, Father Tom McCarthy were announced.
11. Ian Campos provided a review of aspects of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning.