

Minutes- St. Therese Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 17th, 7:00pm

1. Opening Prayer
 - a. Meeting began at 7:05
 - b. In attendance: Fr. Li, Anne, Wendy, George, Jade, Sister Caritas, Kien, Geraldine, Steven, Sheila, and Felicia

2. Finance
 - a. Summer Fair- Wendy passed out a “Summer Fair 2011 Post-Mortem Assessment,” in which some of the most vital points are:
 - i. Need to really work on getting more participation
 1. Especially need more and better participation from members of Procurement Team – one co-chair purchased/picked up 80% of all supplies
 - ii. Pre-sale did well, but we need to push pre-sale earlier; target people as a tool to attract more people to our booth
 - iii. Net profit-\$ 7,272, with a matching contribution of \$5,000, for a grand total of \$12,272
 - b. Annual Report- was tabled until the next PPC meeting because Nick is absent

3. Facility
 - a. We are still waiting on the Archdiocese’s approval about tuck-pointing- their decision should be rendered imminently
 - b. Father’s next concern is the paint in the Church – especially places above the choir loft where the paint is peeling in rather large amounts. At the moment we don’t know how to prevent it, but we will keep a watch on it.

4. Religious Education
 - a. CCD
 - i. Classes will start September 25th and end on May 20th, 2012.
 - ii. Cost is \$75 per child, with a \$15 late fee if they register after Sept. 11th.
 - iii. There will be no Kindergarten CCD
 - iv. Catechists for this year will be:

Level 1 and 2 (First Rec.) – Lisa Tanasaleh
Level 3 (First Communion) – Jennifer Chan
Level 4 and 5 – Dorothy Bisch
Level 6 and 7- Roberto Costa
Level 8 (Confirmation)- Steven Cottam
RCIA Rose Marie Lau
Back up Catechists: Darlene Chan (and maybe Janet Fecteau)

Snack Coordinator:

CCD Coordinators: Christine Delfin and Geraldine Kwan

- b. Sacraments
 - i. The school children will join the church sacramental ceremonies, as last year
 - ii. If we have enough Confirmation kids, we will hold our own ceremony; if not, we will combine with a nearby parish. We will finalize our confirmation numbers within the month.
 - iii. We want to keep our newly confirmed kids involved in active ministry through at least one calendar year – they can pick from lecturing, altar serving, greeters, etc.
 - c. RCIA
 - i. Fr. Li will post a notice in the upcoming parish bulletin looking to recruit RCIA candidates for our next cycle
 - ii. There are five candidates in the Mandarin speaking RCIA program at the moment- they might be baptized at the Feast of St. Therese
5. Garden Mass
- a. The mass for the dedication and blessing of the garden will most likely be the third Sunday in September (Sept. 18th); Sheila will confirm
 - b. A plaque will be installed for the dedication – Sheila will select a plaque, George Lee will order via P-Card and install.
6. Teens and Young Adult Ministry
- a. Teens
 - i. We will be hosting two listening sessions with the teens of the parish in September to gather input
 - ii. We will work closely with the Archdiocese through September, as we are their youth ministry focus parish for September, to build a program
 - iii. We will then hold events monthly (or two per month) for the teens in our parish
 - b. Young Adults
 - i. A listening session will be held at Anne’s house to gather ideas
 - ii. We will be hosting monthly events throughout the year
 - c. Strategic Plan
 - i. Wendy read the strategic plan, and discussed that this is the year for Teens and Young Adult; this is a key focus for the parish for the year
 - ii. Everyone’s homework is to come up with ideas to implement, and throughout the year to improve, the TEYA ministry
 - iii. Dates for the listening session should be submitted to the office, and reports put in the bulletin, ASAP.
7. Spiritual Formation and Outreach
- a. Outreach- Possibilities for outreach ministry are:

- i. St. James Food Pantry
 - ii. Daycare in Lawndale
 - iii. Sister House- a residential place for woman coming out of drug and alcohol rehab
 - iv. The upcoming October CRS Crop Walk (we have participated in this in the past; however, this might conflict with this year's walk-a-thon)
 - v. Malaria Relief Efforts
- b. Spirituality- Possibilities for deepening our parish spirituality are:
 - i. Nine day novena surrounding the Feast of St. Therese; or a special presentation celebrating St. Therese's spirituality
 - ii. All Saints/All Souls Day – a day of remembrance discussing the spirituality of remembering our ancestors
 - iii. Advent spiritual practice, leading up to Christmas
 - iv. A day of pilgrimage on October 15th
 - v. Lectures- especially those concerning reconciling modern issues with the teaching of the Church

8. Liturgy

- a. Tomorrow will be the first liturgy committee meeting, specifically discussing the implementation of the new roman missal
- b. First Lector meeting will be this upcoming Saturday, August 20th.
- c. We will have an altar server planning meeting after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, Sept. 4th, in the Santa Maria room.

9. Feast of St. Therese

- a. We will have a meal- the specifics of what to cook or what to order will be decided by the hospitality committee
- b. Most likely our 5 RCIA candidates will be baptized at this ceremony

10. Volunteers and Committees

- a. Every committee should submit to Father a updated list of all the active members of their ministry by the end of October

11. Other Concerns and Suggestions

- a. Parish Picnic
 - i. Wendy and Jade were volunteered to plan the food details for the picnic, to be worked out after the meeting
 - ii. The parish will provide food
 - iii. There was something of a communication break-down regarding the picnic; future events need to have a more definite leader
- b. On the topic of communication, Fr. Li made a special request for all parish leaders to work harder this year to improve our communications.**

- c. Parish Strategic Plan
 - i. Will be similar to the TEYA plan, but will be for the entire parish
 - ii. We will have a half day planning session, probably in October, to be announced in the near future
 - iii. Wendy will select a date and facilitate the planning
- d. Security Training
 - i. Christian will run a security training, possibly two, to train people in general safety issues for those parishioners who are often in the Church late; Sheila will suggest dates
- e. St. Rocco Day
 - i. The St. Rocco day celebration was very disruptive for those worshipping at the 9:30am mass
 - ii. Need to start their celebration later; at least the part involving cannons and fireworks

12. Closing Prayer

- a. The meeting ended at 9:25

Our next PPC meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st.