

ST. THERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes from Mar 17, 2021 Virtual Go-To-Meeting, 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Fr. Bob McCann, Cathy Brady, Jerry Deck, Michael Finnegan and Paulette Tuckner. The meeting started at 7:10 P.M.

- Fr. Bob led the opening prayer.
- We reviewed the minutes from the Dec 10, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved Jerry motioned and Michael seconded.

Pastor's Report:

- We had a quick check-in, to see how everyone is holding up
- Hopefully Alameda County could be in Orange after Easter
- CDC is thinking of reducing the distance between desks to 3ft
- Cathy received notification we do not need to spray the church pews
- Lent is going well, the Soup Dinner is a bigger success than expected, we have maxed out the number of participants every week
- The Bible Study and Zach's Parish Retreat are going over well
- Both the Bible Study and Retreat are downloaded to the Church webpage
- The Reconciliation class had their day outside and the event went well
- Finance Committee is finalizing the budget
- Fr Bob would like a one-page summary report for the last four years
- The Parish did fairly well through the pandemic, we received a PPE loan
- We won't qualify this time around
- Fr Bob is grateful to the parishioners who have sustained us
- There was a planned March 5 negotiation meeting regarding the Event Center, Fr Bob has not heard anything
- He has no authority in the negotiations; the Diocese has control of the law suit
- Water bill has doubled; EBMUD will reduce the bill once the problem is fixed
- Fr Bob attended Clergy Meetings on 3/16, they dealt with Racism in the Church

Cathy:

- Palm Sunday we will start having 5:00 pm mass
- The rules are ever changing as far as blessing of the palms
- There will not be any sign-ups (reservations) needed for Holy week, except for Easter Sunday
- We are hoping to have 1st and 2nd grades return to school
- There are several volunteers that need to renew their Safe Environment training, it is a constant uphill battle
- There was a successful fingerprinting event on November 7th

Michael-School Board:

- Michael was unable to attend the last meeting
- The committee is optimistic about the principal search
- There will be a 2.6% tuition increase for 2021-2022
- The school has received 89 applications, the TK program has worked out well

New /Other Business:

- K-8 are back in school
- There are two groups that go twice a week, with Wednesday being a break day
- Survey from parents indicated they felt the important things are to have progressive teaching and challenged based
- Continue bridging the Parish and school
- The Principal Search Committee has met twice and will be interviewing two candidates

Upcoming/Past Events (All)

- May 2nd there will be a virtual auction
- The next meeting will be May 13, 2021

The meeting concluded at 7:25 PM.