

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MAY 12, 2014**

**MEETING PARTICULARS**

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held in the Parish Center, starting at 7:00PM on Monday, May 12, 2014.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council Members Attending: Fr. Frank Latzko, Kate Lynch, Tom Micinski, Lina Hilko, Rebecca O'Brien, Justin Peters, Amir Rafizadeh

Council Members Absent: Anna Althoff, Paolo Basil, Addison Carpenter, Alex Lopez, Jessica Marx, Bert Olson, Mike/Marjorie Rice

Others Attending: None

**MINUTES**

**Opening Prayer**

- Tom Micinski

**Standing Reports**

Faith Formation – Kate Lynch

- Kate provided a written summary of recent Faith Formation events (see attached scanned copy).
- In addition to the summary, Kate noted how wonderful the First Communion and SPRED masses were.

Events and Fundraising – Rebecca O'Brien

- Spaghetti Dinner will be on September 27 and will be a celebration for Fr. Frank and others going on the Camino.
- Tom and Myrna Kinsella will be chairing Fiesta de Avila for September 6 or 13.
- Time of Your Life is being transformed into "Time of Your Life Gala". It will be on Saturday, November 15 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. This year, focus is on sponsorship and table sales. There will be a raffle this year; 100 tickets will be sold and the winner will choose from three luxury trips.
- Dreams to Reality parties, which are used to generate live auction packages, will be held on Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 21. All PPC members are invited.

### Social Outreach – Amir Rafizadeh

- The Food Pantry is moving all distribution to Saturdays. The start date still needs to be determined.
- The focus is to utilize Volunteer Spot to schedule volunteers.
- Loaves and Fishes has applied to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and should be approved within a month.
- The blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, October 12. The goal is to get 30 units.
- Training sessions are being scheduled to train parishioners in CPR and first aid. Also, AED units will be installed in the Parish Center/Gathering Space.

### Building and Facilities – Tom Micinski

- We received final approval from the Collegiate Council of the Archdiocese to sell the Convent and Old School.
- The tentative closing date is June 6, 2014.

### **Pastoral Matters**

#### Engagement Enhancement Initiatives – Lina Hilko

- Lina explained how “Engagement Enhancement” is more than just a ministry fair. It requires a shift in the culture of the parish.
- Lina commented on the successful book distribution at Easter. “The Four Sings of a Dynamic Catholic” was distributed at each of the Easter masses.
- Volunteer Spot is going to be utilized as much as possible to schedule volunteers. This software tool not only helps us schedule volunteers, it allows volunteers to view volunteer opportunities within the parish.
- No progress has been made on hosting a Ministry Fair. It will be revisited in the near future.

### **Pastor’s Comments/Additions – Fr. Frank**

- The last weekend for masses in the church before construction begins is June 14/15. All Parish Council members are encouraged to be available for those first few weekends after the move to direct people where to go.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next PPC meeting will be Monday June 9 at 6:30PM.  
The meeting ended at 8:30PM.

Prepared by: Tom Micinski

## Faith Formation Update:

Enrollment is looking very strong for next year in CGS and the Edge and in Quest

Looking to strengthen Youth Ministry over the next several months by getting training for Youth Ministers. Hoping to get several teens from neighboring parishes to join Quest (our High School Youth Group) – St. Michael, St. Josephat and from the French Community.

FFAC is winding down for the year with last meeting on June 2- large meeting with as many catechists as possible to discuss space next year and future years.

Couple suggestions for better collaboration between ministries:

- better advertisement of Family Events
- getting a French and Spanish speaking priest for Reconciliation Services
- getting more ministries to provide catechist profiles/positive experiences for bulletin
- helping one another with recruitment

Currently recruiting families from FFAC to help more with fundraising.