

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

June 12, 2017

Members present: Father Gallas, Tom Hudinsky, Judy Bermel, Don Felix, Susan Wieneke, Roger Litchy, Ann Novotny, Lil Wawra and Elaine Kramer. Member absent:, Denise Haechrel

Opening prayer by Susan Wieneke at 7:05pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Following the agenda:

1. We read and prayed over next Sunday's gospel, utilizing Lectio Divina.
2. Thank you to retired council members Ann Novotny and Denise Haechrel for their service over the last 2 years.
3. Parish council nominations are in and the nominees are being called by Father Gallas and Susan Wieneke. Elections will be sometime in July.
4. It had been proposed that a Use Again container would be placed on the parish property, probably near the recycling trailer. After council discussion, it was recommended that we deny the request.
5. Flores de Guadalupe mission is hoping to really get started at Maple Hill Estates, with our parish's involvement. On June 24 or early in July there will be evangelism training here at St. Thomas.
6. Expansion of small groups to enhance spiritual engagement was discussed. We currently have Familia (for young mothers), a bible study for young men lead by Father Gallas and another bible study for any age lead by June Thomas. There are several ideas for additional groups and many resources for programs. Any new group shall approach Father Gallas for approval and support.
7. We did some brainstorming for welcoming visitors. Roger will get the publisher name of "Catholics Explained booklet" found in Nisswa church.

Our next meeting is August 28, 2017. The new council members will be invited to join us.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Gallas at 8:35pm.

Submitted by Elaine Kramer