

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Greg at 7:01 pm**
- II. Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Fred Taccolini (chair and facilitator), Colleen Roberts, Pierre Geoffrion, and Cindy Ampe.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Approved as written.**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** One item, Office Coverage when schools closed added to Agenda.
- V. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:** Committee meeting reports:
 - Development** – Fr. Greg for Matt – Reviewing comprehensive way to have parishioners share time and talents. Reviewing programs to increase parish tithing, “giving from our hearts”.
 - Building & Grounds** – Pierre – no recent meeting.
 - Finance** – Fr. Greg for Pat – Financial contributions are ahead from 1 year ago and continue to slowly gain. The Catholic School subsidy has been reduced at small intervals for the last few years. The plan is to gradually reduce these fees to 30% of assessable receipts (collections). This reduction is positive for our parish, but will have to be evaluated how it affects the school. A priority item needing attention is to fix the bell system while parts are still available and to bolster the Zryd fund which has a corpus of approximately \$450,000.
 - Worship** – Cindy – Continue to prepare for remainder of Lent, Holy Week liturgies and the Easter Season. Two parishioners have agreed to coordinate the Taco dinner on Tenebrae Wednesday of Holy Week. Very positive response to having someone in the parish office on Ash Wednesday to distribute ashes to those who could not attend Mass. Veneration Cross is on display in Gathering Space all of Lent, with many stopping for quiet prayer. 24 Hour Vigil for sick during Lent has been set for a day during Holy Week.
 - Christian Service/Evangelization** – Colleen – No meeting
 - Stewardship** – Pierre – Committee is evaluating two evangelization programs. In the past this committee had been given the names of new parishioners to follow – up with, welcome to the parish, see if they have any questions and if they were willing to volunteer to be part of any committees, liturgical ministries, etc. This process has lapsed and committee would like to resume. Cindy will put on office staff agenda and report back.
 - Youth** – Maggie and Cindy – Maggie will be attending one of their meetings soon.
- VI. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
 - a) **2/23/16 Leadership meeting – Fred:** The meeting was well attended with all committees represented. Fred distributed responses to questions posed at the meeting. Fred will distribute copies to all meeting attendees. Fred asked that PC members review responses and bring their priority recommendations back to the next meeting for committee to review and plan. Cindy will send out responses to absent PC members along with the minutes. Committee directory is in process of being updated.
 - b) **“Rediscover Jesus” book distribution – Cindy:** Very positive response to books with only a few left. Small groups have formed for book discussion.
 - c) **“Year of Mercy” – Matt:** Matt presented this topic to the CCM students with good feedback. He would like to proceed with a presentation to the parish.

- d) **Funeral Coordinator – Cindy:** Office Secretary will continue to coordinate along with Cindy and assure that there are sufficient Eucharistic Ministers.

VII. Review of PC By-Laws:

- a) Revisions made by Fred and Cindy distributed and briefly reviewed their recommendations. Fred asked that members take home to review further and bring suggestions back to the April meeting. Cindy will email along with minutes.

VIII. Committee replacement for Brian Claus who has resigned: Fred will contact Tom McFadden who is first alternate to see if he is willing to serve.

IX. New Business:

- a) **Holy Week Liturgies - Fr. Greg and Cindy:** Cindy encouraged committee members to sign up to bring items for the Taco dinner and social after the Easter Vigil. Colleen is co-chairing the EV social. Many committees are working to coordinate liturgies. Cindy said that many parishioners will be gone due to school spring break.
- b) **Parish Stipend review/update:** Cindy reviewed what current stipends are for Baptisms, funerals and weddings and recommendations from Diocese. The following was agreed:

Baptism:	No fee, donation only
Funeral:	No fee for current parishioner \$50 fee for past parishioner \$100 fee for non-parishioner
Wedding:	\$100 for parishioner \$200 for non-parishioner

- c) **Name Tag Sunday – Cindy:** Many parishioners have asked if we could have Name Tag Sunday on a regular basis, perhaps on the weekend of the social or when there are lots of visitors at the parish. Fred asked that we discuss at the next meeting and develop a plan.

X. Added Agenda Items:

- a) **Office coverage on snow days – Pierre –** Pierre questioned why the office is closed on days when Marquette schools are closed for weather reasons. Fr. Greg said that has been the tradition since he started. Pierre said that it may be advantageous to have someone from maintenance here in case there are any building issues. Fr. Greg will follow-up on this.

XI. Comments From and Feedback for Pastor / Associate Pastor / Council Members: Fr. Greg stated his gratefulness for all the work done by our many dedicated parishioners.

XII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer by Pierre at 8:53 pm.

XIII. Next meeting is Tuesday April 5, 2016 at 7 pm. Fred will send out a reminder.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Ampe

Minutes approved by: