

# St. Michael Pastoral Council

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2019

- I. Opening Prayer:** Tom McFadden at 6:35pm
- II. Attendance:** Tom McFadden (chair), Mary Rule (vice-chair), Bonnie Perucco (secretary), Fr. Greg, Matt Surrell, Monique Baer, Kathleen Huggard, and Miguel Valenzuela.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting, 8/6/2019.** Motion to approve by Miguel, seconded by Matt, carried by unanimous acclamation.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** Approved with following additions under New Business.
- V. Comments and Feedback from Pastor/Associate Pastor:** Fr. Greg said that FMCA Masses are well attended at the Cathedral. There are increased publications of FMCA to the general public. He would like to see more CCM attendance at daily mass.
- VI. Comments from Council Members:** None.
- VII. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:**
  - Building & Grounds – Fr. Greg/Pierre/Andrew –** Fr. Greg said that repairs have been made to the present windows at the middle school building. Classrooms have been cleaned up a lot, but still an ongoing process. The heat will be turned down during winter months when not in use, to save money.
  - Finance – Tom:** Next meeting in 11/6. UPCSA goal has not yet been reached. We are at 66% with \$19,797 needed by the end of November. There was an increased response after Deacon Tom Merkel's messages at weekend masses.
  - Worship – Bonnie:** Next meeting in 10/3. No meetings were held during the summer months.
  - Development – Matt/Kathleen:** Main focus has been the UPCSA Campaign. Cinnamon Roll Sunday is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, and has a smooth protocol to promote success.
  - Christian Service/Evangelization – Mary:** Next meeting is second week in October. There are no further updates regarding RATI at this time, however, St. Michael's is in desperate need of a new coordinator. RATI will be in Dunleavy Hall during Thanksgiving week.
  - Faith Formation/Youth – Andrew/Monique:** Monique stated that she has seen an increase in numbers, especially with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, who are very enthusiastic. Marcia Parkkonen and Emily Fust have been working very hard to grow and sustain the FF Program in K thru 8. There are currently 12 students in the Confirmation Program. It was suggested that there be a "Sacristy tour" as a feeder for interest in becoming an Altar Server. CCM will be welcoming Sister Delfina Tede to assist with pastoral care and needs of our CCM ministry. Food for Thought is going well, and with an increase in participation. Reminder to keep in prayer several parishioners who are very ill.
  - Communication - Cindy:** No report.
  - Amazing Parish - Fr. Greg:** In their 3<sup>rd</sup> year and meeting on a monthly basis. The committee is considering taking a break and refocusing on a different model to better assist Fr. Greg.
- VIII. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
  - A. UPCSA –** At 66% of goal.
  - B. Fall Harvest Fest Dinner – October 20<sup>th</sup>:** A short discussion regarding moving the Sunday evening mass up 1 hour to encourage CCM students to participate in the dinner. It is probably too late to change for this year, but will check with Fr. Brandon to see if it can happen next year.

- C. **Dismemberment Petition** – Hopeful to present final signatures at Christmas to the State of MI. A presentation will be made available to parishioners.
- D. **Care Clinic Dinner** – This is a fundraiser taking place at the Northern Center on 10/3 at 6:30pm, with a guest speaker.

**IX. New Business:**

- A. **Tail gaiting Event** – Consider this at parish campus prior to NMU events. This project will be brought to the Development Committee.
- B. **K of C of Marquette** – **Matt said the K of C** is considering adopting a Catholic parish in Iraq. The idea of St. Michael's participating in this project was discussed and committee decided to put on hold at this time.
- C. **Feedback from young parishioner families** – Miguel questioned why young families are leaving St. Michael Parish. He questioned young families on the following points with subsequent results:

**Welcoming** – very cordial

**New logo** – lacks depth

**Worship** – lack of “bells”

**Congregation** – lacks sacred depth; piety has changed

Miguel asked “What is the future of our parish with an aging congregation and how do we serve a new generation? He suggested a “Parish Family Night” in Dunleavy Hall, with opportunities for families to engage in games (board/Ping-Pong/card), and have the popcorn machine available. Further discussion will take place at next meeting.

**X. Adjournment and Closing Prayer by Fr. Greg**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, November 5, 2019@ 6:30pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Bonnie Perucco

Minutes approved by: