

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2018

- I. **Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Colleen Roberts (chair), Pat Jennings, Fred Taccolini, Matt Surrell, Tom McFadden, Pierre Geoffrion
- II. Pierre led the **Opening Prayer at 7:00pm**
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Approved with additions noted below.
- IV. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Motion to approve by Fred, seconded by Matt.
- V. **Comments and Feedback:** Since Fr. Greg was running late, there were no comments for the Pastor or Assistant Pastor
- VI. **St. Michael Liaison Reports:**
 - A. **Building & Grounds – Pierre:** Pierre reports that Al is the full time custodian and his health is better. He also believes that the Building and Grounds Committee should have more oversight in the physical operation of the church facility.
 - B. **Finance – Tom:** The parish finances are in the ‘black’ and CCM is operating under budget. The CCM budget is primarily salaries of employees.
 - C. **Worship – Cindy (via email):** *Women’s Day of Reflection* was held on November 11, 2017 with 49 women attending. Childcare was provided which was very influential in getting some of our younger women to attend. Very positive comments on the day and anxious for a similar event next year . Cost was \$ 10 per person with a few covered by the parish who couldn’t afford it. That was close to covering the cost of the food. Will Huggard, Terry Dehring, Gerry Farrell, and Steve Lawry served lunch and came back at the end to clean up. Very much appreciated by all. Starting publicity on *Men’s Day*
Request by Art & Environmental to leave Baptismal Font filled with water and pump on all the time. Fr. Greg agreed to pursue upkeep process with Al.
 - D. **Development – Matt:** Matt discussed the *Seminary Endowment Fund* that at St. Michael’s. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support for seminarians who intend to return to the Marquette Diocese. Matt indicated that the fund should have a principal of approximately \$ 8 million to \$10 million in it in order to pay out approximately \$ 40,000 per year per seminarian for tuition and living expenses from the interest earned. Matt noted that Dustin Larson is currently a transitional deacon.
 - E. **Christian Service/Evangelization – Colleen:** Karen Reese sent the following email:

Second Quarter Tithe

The Christian Service and Evangelization Committee recommends the following disbursements from the second quarter tithe funds:

\$ 750	Catholic Campus Ministry
\$ 500	Fr. Greg's Service Fund
\$ 500	Room at the Inn
\$ 500	Janzen House
\$ 250	Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly
\$ 1000	St. Francis Connection
\$ 500	St. Vincent de Paul Prescription Fund
\$ 2700	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

The Council noted that there should be discussions of the Prison and Homebound ministries.

The Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is a Catholic service group from Hancock that has recently expanded to the Marquette area.

F. Youth – Karissa, Lauren and Cindy: no report

G. Communications – Colleen: the New Member Welcome packet is being updated.

The Parish membership directory should be updated and the parish web page should be encouraging submissions from members of the parish. There is a concern that many people are dropping through the cracks and the office is not following up on new member inquiries.

There will be an information meeting for new members of the parish after Mass on January 21, 2018

VII. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:

A. Gathering Space/Socialization Update – Council: The coffee kiosk is being worked on and should be ready by the end of January. The coffee kiosk will be moveable if necessary. The coffee gathering has been very successful in that parishioners are staying after Mass and socializing. However, it is noted that the regular coffee runs out too soon. There is usually plenty of decaf coffee.

There will also be an information booth set up in the future that will be permanently installed in the gathering space. There was a concern about whether there is enough room in the gathering space for the kiosk, information booth, and the furniture that is currently there.

B. “Amazing Parish” - Fr. Greg: AP Team continues to meet every 2 weeks to work on how to make the parish more welcoming to people, primarily on the weekends. The work of this committee will transition to the Evangelization Committee.

C. Emergency Preparedness: There was no report, but it was noted that emergency preparedness and first aid are important to our parish since some parishioners are elderly and in poor health. The CPR training will be rescheduled to a later date.

- D. **Moving Tabernacle – Fr. Greg:** Fr. Greg said that he is working with *Affiliated Artists* to redesign the entire church area. Any changes to the church must be approved by the diocese. There was a discussion about what should be done with the large window above the altar that came from St. John’s Church when it was torn down in the 1990s.
- E. **Church Lighting – Fr. Greg:** There should be 24 hour lighting of the Crucifix. It was noted that the tabernacle was dark and not welcoming when we came in for the meeting tonight. There should be some sort of soft lighting in the church and on the crucifix for the benefit of people who want to spend time in reflection and prayer. This is particularly important due to our proximity to the hospital and NMU.

VIII. New Business:

- A. **Parish Goals for 2018:** There should be more emphasis on prison and homebound outreach ministries. In addition, the Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is expanding to the Marquette area. There will be an informational meeting in the Zryd Center on January 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- B. **Room at the Inn:** There should be posted rules for residents.
- C. **Funeral Notices (new):** Funeral notices should be posted on the web page and in the parish app so that parishioners can attend funerals.

IX. Upcoming Parish/Diocesan Events:

New Member Welcome Social: January 21, 2018 after 10:30 am Mass.

Men’s Day of Reflection: upcoming

X. Comments From Council Members:

- A. Pierre commented that people who call the prayer line like it when you say “God Bless You” to them.
- B. Matt noted that many people appreciate praying the rosary after Mass

XI. Adjournment and Closing prayer by Fr. Greg at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday March 6, at 7pm in the Upper Room. Please send your agenda items for the next meeting to Colleen by February 28, 2018 for addition to the next agenda

Minutes submitted by: Pat Jennings

Minutes approved by: