

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Greg at 8:03pm**
- II. Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Fr. Brandon, Pat Jennings (facilitator), Fred Taccolini, Colleen Roberts, Matt Surrell, Karissa Langsford, Pierre Geoffrion and Cindy Ampe.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting, 11/1/2016.** Approved as written.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** Approved with addition of several items which will be listed under VII New Business.
- V. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:**
 - Building & Grounds – Pierre:** No meeting, however Fr. Greg reported that Jim was able to use a special product to “oil” the church bells mechanism, and all are now working. There is a process in place to assure that the bells are rung on a frequent basis
 - Finance – Pat:** Annual report for 2015/2016 fiscal year has been distributed.
 - Worship – Cindy:** The Worship Committee has recommended that the “Ministry Minute” be moved to 2 minutes prior to the mass starting. PC supported and Cindy will explain process to parish office for scheduling purposes. Advent Wreath has been moved to a more visible place on the altar and committee will pursue a “Blue Christmas” service for 2017. Danny Matthew, accompanist, will be transferring to another college after this semester. Cindy is actively looking for a replacement.
 - Development – Matt:** Planning to meet with the Christian Service/Evangelization Committee to present the “Take a Step” program for financial giving.
 - Christian Service/Evangelization – Colleen:** By-laws have been updated to correspond with committee mission; St. Mike’s has better ration of parishioners to non-parishioners for the past RATI, however still looking for new coordinator.
 - Stewardship – Pierre:** With recommendation from Fr. Greg, this committee will be inactive.
 - Youth – Karissa, Lauren and Cindy:** HS program will be changed back to Thursday nights (bi-weekly); 16 youth are in the Confirmation program; still looking for parishioners to coordinate KBC breakfasts; youth choir has 8 members and will be in need of a new accompanist after Danny leaves.
- VI. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
 - A. “Indicators of Vitality for a Parish” – Colleen:**

Survey approved and will be done prior to masses on weekends of 1/22 and 1/29.
 - B. Approval Process for Christian Service Reimbursement – Committee:** Fr. Greg will be the final approval and will bring to PC if further discussion is needed.
 - C. Gathering Space/Socialization Update – Fr. Brandon:** Large volume coffee brewer has arrived and has been installed in the parish center kitchen. Will use current tables at first.
 - D. Funeral Ministry – Colleen** is coordinating a group of parishioners to attend funerals, especially where low attendance is expected. So far she has 8 volunteers. She is working with Anne to use parish app to create “Life Events” awareness to our parishioners.
 - E. UPCS Campaign: Fr. Greg:** Cindy reported that the Development Committee was very appreciative of the thank you sent by PC. We are \$8000 over goal, with level of participation to be evaluated.

F. Parish Thanksgiving Prayer Service/Meal – Pat: Attendance up a bit from last year, but more volunteers are needed ahead of time to assure success.

VII. New Business:

- A. Church Lights – Pat:** Matt is unable to assume the role of Vice Chair at this time due to family obligations, but is willing to run next year. Colleen was voted new Vice Chair.
- B. Communication & Outreach Committee –** Committee is Anne Dehring, Colleen Roberts, Marcia Parkkonen, Fr. Greg and hopefully a young person with computer knowledge. First focus will be to update parishioner demographic data. Will be done with parish survey. Parish App Sunday scheduled.
- C. “Amazing Parish” Conference –** Fr. Greg & 4 parishioners will be attending conference in March. Conference expenses are being covered by Diocesan grant. Two parishes from Calumet will also be attending. Conference handout shared with PC.
- D. Little Kids at Mass –** Pat said that he received a comment about “kids being distracting” at mass. Discussion followed, but overwhelming feeling that it is very important to support families during the years when their children may be disruptive.
- E. Icy Parking Lot –** Parking lot has been very icy on some weekends. Fr. Greg and Jim will discuss plan with Oberstar. Possibly a barrel of sand outside the church.
- F. WNOA Radio –** Catholic Radio station in our area for Catholic Evangelization. \$1800/month to operate. Matt questioned whether our parish could be an underwriter at \$100/month.
- G. Care Clinic Dinner –** January 21st, sponsored by K of C at the Cathedral. Casa is providing the food.
- H. K of C Council Wide meeting on 12/20 –** Matt stated it will have social, information and Catholic trade show. Bishop John will be speaker.

VIII. Upcoming Parish/Diocesan Events:

Parish Mission: Lent 3/19 – 22, 2017

“Legacy of Faith Grant” Stewardship Hour is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next one is on 12/13 at 2pm, “Stewardship as a Parish Culture catalyst”. Log onto <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7867168794799056641> to sign up.

Contact Tom Foye at tfoye@dioceseofmarquette.org if you are interested in being on The Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Information

Important Dates for 2017: Rite of Election is 3/15/2017, Spring Study Day is Thursday 4/6/2017, “The Secrets of Fatima”. Information

IX. Comments From and Feedback for Pastor / Associate Pastor / Council Members:

A. Fr. Greg commented that folks seemed very comfortable and appreciative of the Parish Thanksgiving dinner. Some of our area homeless attended. Kay Rambo, parish secretary, will be leaving her position to become the FMS Business Manager. Diane Noel has agreed to work Monday through Friday 9-4 and Cathy Savela will cover Friday 9–12.

X. Adjournment and Closing prayer at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 7pm. Please get your agenda items for the next meeting to Pat by 2/6 for addition to the agenda.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Ampe

Minutes approved by: