

St Michael Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017

- I. Opening Prayer** by Fr. Greg at 7:02pm
- II. Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Pat Jennings (facilitator), Fred Taccolini, Matt Surrell, Tom McFadden, Pierre Geoffrion, Colleen Roberts, Lauren Rotundo
- III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting, 3/7/17.** Approved as written Tom (1st) Pierre (2nd). Comments on a good job by Cindy on the minutes.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** Approved with the addition of several items which will be listed under VII. New Business.
- V. St Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:**
Building and Grounds-Pierre: No Report
Finance-Tom: No Report
Worship- Survey discussed
Development- Survey discussed
Christian Service/Evangelization-Colleen: No Meeting (snow day)
Stewardship-Pierre: committee on the back burner for 1 year
Youth-Lauren: No Report
- VI. Report on Parish Events/Follow Up Items:**
A. Indicators of Parish Vitality: Moving Forward-Pat and Colleen: The Pastoral Council is pleased with the results of the survey. Several programs have been implemented in response to parishioner's suggestions (coffee social, funeral attendance support, parish mission, Koffee Klatch). Parish committees are discussing how their committee can address other survey suggestions. Whenever something is implemented that has been suggested on the survey it will be explained to the parishioners.
B. Gathering Space: Coffee Socials appear to be going well. Committees/parish organizations are alternating serving the first Sunday of the month. Equal exchange coffee is being served. It was discussed that maybe we should consider serving juice for kids and Father invite people to stay at the end of Mass (all are welcome). Sometimes, the people setting up talk too loudly and can be heard during the Mass.
C. Parish Mission: Everything about the Mission went well. Attendance was very good and even included people from other churches. Kudos to the speakers, music, and Cindy for organization.
D. Funeral Attendance Outreach-There has been good feedback on this. Parishioners attend the funeral, sign the book with their name and representing St Michael Parish, throughout the church to indicate when to stand, sit, etc (although Father does a good job at directing this) and expresses to the family of the deceased that St Michael Parish is here for them in their grief.
E. Amazing Parish: 5 attended this 3 day conference. The purpose was to identify where we are as a church. We are to proclaim The Word with others and share and invite all to attend, especially at special events (1st Communion, Easter, Christmas, etc). This team meets every Monday morning to determine an outreach plan. The initial main thrust of this committee is to welcome and involve people as participating members of our Parish Family.
F. Communications-Colleen: There will be a welcoming get-together for new 2017 parishioners on June 11th after 10:30 Mass. Committee representatives will be present to introduce

themselves and their committees goals. Marcia is organizing this reception. This committee is reviewing and revising the new parishioner's information packets. There are cards in pews for visitors to fill out and place in the collection basket. If a visitor attends frequently, they will be contacted to determine if they have an interest in becoming a member of our parish. Announcements will be made to inform visitors of the cards and where they are located. The Pastoral Council approved the use of the big screen monitor for use in the gathering space.

G. Summer Shelter: A group has contacted Parish Services concerning having a homeless shelter for 21 straight days in our facility. The committee decided there were concerns about organization and monitoring and declined this request at this time.

H. Parish Maintenance Director- Al Fortin has been hired and will begin work this week. He has been employed by Father Marquette School and he knows our facility. A question was posed as to whether we should also have a back-up person to cover vacations, days off, and illness of the director. This was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Fatima Outreach- is May 13 from 9:00-4:00 at the Cathedral. This will include devotional materials, after Mass sessions, a 1 mile procession, presenters and dinner. There is a general invitation to everyone, this is not just a Cathedral event. St Michael Parish prays the rosary every Thursday after Mass.

B. WNOA-This is a local radio station. It was agreed during the March 7 Pastoral Council meeting to support this station by underwriting a \$600.00 donation. Fr. Greg will approach the Finance Committee.

C. Care Clinic-Cindy Asher, CEO of the Care Clinic will speak to the parish at Masses on May 20-21. This is in conjunction with the March for Life. Donations are requested to purchase a \$30,000 ultrasound machine and RN training to operate it. They are seeking parishioner's financial support.

D. Increase Offering Program-The 3 week program, "Take a Step", begins next Sunday. It will consist of 2 speakers (1st Tami Seavoy, 2nd Fr. Greg) and 2 mailings. This need is in light of the reality of increased bills, and needed funds for education (faith formation) in the parish. Give your parish a raise!

VIII. Upcoming Parish/Diocesan Events: Hospitality Lecture will be held on Tuesday 5/30/17 at the Ramada Inn. The lecture is free with optional lunch (\$15). The topic is "Catholic by Grace" delivered by Denise Bossert, a syndicated columnist.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2017

IX. Closing Prayer by Fr. Greg at 8:35

Minutes submitted by Colleen Roberts