

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Greg at 7:01 pm**
- II. Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Fr. Brandon, Fred Taccolini(chair and facilitator), Colleen Roberts, Pat Jennings, Pierre Geoffrion, Maggie McFadden, Matt Surrell and Cindy Ampe.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting.** Cindy noted that Fred's name was not on the attendance list and Colleen Robert's name was wrong. Corrections will be made.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** Several items were asked to be added. Cindy made the request that all additions to the agenda be given to Fred at least five days prior to the meeting so he can review them with Fr. Greg. This will allow for all members to be prepared for the meeting.
- V. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:** Committee reports were received from Christian Service/Evangelization, Altar Society, Worship and were reviewed by PC. Fred explained that going forward he would like each PC member to be a liaison for one of the six standing committees, as stated in the PC By-laws. PC members will bring back information to the PC from their perspective committees either by attending the meeting, speaking with the committee chair or reviewing their minutes. The PC chair will continue to receive paper copies of the six committees. Cindy will follow-up with office staff to assure that all minutes are posted on the parish website. The assignments are as follows:
 - Development – Matt
 - Building & Grounds – Pierre
 - Finance – Pat
 - Worship – Cindy
 - Christian Service/Evangelization – Colleen
 - Stewardship – Pierre
 - Youth – Maggie and Cindy (added as suggested by PC)
- VI. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
 - a) **Parish Thanksgiving - Pat:** Prayer Service and dinner went very well. Attendance was up a bit from 2014. Approx. 260 were served. Beacon House guests and NMU International students were invited this year. Pat has agreed to coordinate again next year.
 - b) **Gathering Space/Renovation project - Cindy:** The Evangelization Committee has decided to drop this project. New furniture is in place. Matt will pursue placing a TV monitor in the Gathering Space which will be a continual display of parish information. Cindy will assist Matt with project.
 - c) **Bathroom renovation – Fr. Greg:** Project has been completed. Pierre stated concern that there is space under the sink which is caulked now but could be an issue in the future. Cindy will speak to Jim about this concern.

- d) **UPCSA (Blitz) Update:** Parish goal has been reached with a surplus of \$12 to 13,000. Fr. Greg expressed gratitude for the generosity of our parishioners. The parish will be receiving overage money every 3 months from the diocese, which is being put toward the cost of the new furnace. Development committee is discussing new project next for overage. Some possibilities are: painting the church; fixing the bells, as the Toller does not work; rectory carpet.

VII. Review of PC By-Laws:

- a) **Develop 2016 goals:** Fred will review the by-laws and bring back recommendations to the next meeting. PC members are also requested to review prior to next meeting and be prepared for discussion.
- b) **Meeting Calendar for 2016:** Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, with no meeting in July or December, unless there are items that need to be acted on.

VIII. Open Issues:

- a) **“Rediscover Jesus” Book Purchase - Cindy:** The purchase has been approved by all committees, with the Evangelization committee taking the lead. The book will be given to groups meeting or newly formed groups for discussion. PC agreed that closing prayer will be dedicated to reading from this book.
- b) **“My Parish App” - Fred:** Tabled for Fred to gather more information.
- c) **Request for topsoil/seed, power broom and heavy duty tent – Fr. Greg:** The tent has been repaired, so no longer an issue. The rest will be referred to the Building and Grounds Committee.
- d) **Parish Committee Directory Update/Schedule Leadership Meeting - Fred:** Fred will schedule a meeting with chairs of all committees in mid-February.

IX. New Business:

- a) **“Wish List” for Focused Donations:** Matt will bring this item to the Development Committee.
- b) **“Year of Mercy” – Fr. Greg and Matt:** Matt is preparing a presentation on Divine Mercy during Lent. Colleen will assist Matt. There will be information in the bulleting as well as in homilies.
- c) **Upcoming Events:** Matt reported on an upcoming K of C event, “Keeping Christ in Christmas” poster party. Families are invited to a pizza party on 1/6 where poster winners will be announced. K of C is embarking on a new project of putting together a gift bag for new parishioners, which could include a Solidarity Cross, and/or Guadalupe DVD. They are also hoping to develop a Holy Family Prayer Program.

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

- a) Fr. Greg commented on the positive comments he received on the Nativity Walk which was held in the Zryd Center the last Sunday of Advent. He also said that the Parish Annual Report will be mailed to parishioners with their 2015 summary gift giving report.

Pierre said that he has heard a comment regarding the Cantor “Welcome” at weekend Masses, that the word “worship” has more of a Protestant meaning. This will be taken to the Worship Committee for their input.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Ampe

Minutes approved by: