

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2018

- I. Opening Prayer:** Fr. Greg at 7:01pm.
- II. Attendance:** Colleen Roberts (chair) Pat Jennings, Fr. Greg, Fred Taccolini, Matt Surrell, Pierre Geoffrion and Cindy Ampe. Guest Marcia Parkkonen.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting, 1.3.2018.** Motion to approve by Matt, seconded by Pat, with change in VIII. A. *Add “Among many discussed, emphasis there should be more emphasis on prison...”*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** Approved with no additions.
- V. Comments and Feedback from Pastor/Associate Pastor:** Fr. Greg said that the season of Lent is very busy in our parish with Penance Services, Stations of the Cross and other preparations for Holy Week. He expressed gratitude for how our parishioners have supported CCM in the past week after the loss of one of their fellow students. There was very good attendance at rosaries and prayer services, along with much food brought in to the students. The AP Team is working on preparing our parish Evangelization goals, using the information gathered at our February Leadership meeting. Fr. Mgt. Academy recently had an open house to promote enrollment. They have a potential of 26 new families. We continue to increase working with St. Christopher Parish on joint projects.
- VI. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:**
 - Building & Grounds – Pierre:** Fr. Greg reported that the chapel windows have been replaced and that the project went well; leaks were repaired in the heating system traps and that the parish received a \$9000 rebate from SEMCO; windows have been repaired in the basement; there are some leaks in the garage, probably as a result from the construction project on Presque Isle.
 - Finance – Tom:** No report.
 - Worship – Cindy:** Plan has been developed with Al to fill Baptismal font every Friday and empty on Monday; Mary Maki has taken over putting messages on outdoor sign, which has been very positive.
 - Development – Matt:** Committee is researching “Planned Giving” and will hold an estate planning seminar in May.
 - Christian Service/Evangelization – Colleen:** Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly, is starting a group in Marquette. Their Easter Dinner will be at St. Michael’s this year.
 - Youth – Karissa, Lauren and Cindy:** The Middle and High School groups are not active, except for those students in the Confirmation program. There is a definite need to hire a Faith Formation leader for these age groups.
- VII. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
 - A. Gathering Space/Socialization Update – Cindy:** The new coffee kiosk and information desk is in place in the Gathering Space. The majority of comments have been very positive and the coffee social preparers are grateful for how this lessens their work. There will be a clarification in the bulletin as the money to pay for the information desk came from UPCSA overage, not the Zryd fund as was originally stated.
 - B. “Amazing Parish” - Fr. Greg/Cindy:** AP Team continues to meet every 2 weeks for 2 hours. The AP Team has been working on developing our parish Evangelization Plan, which is due this spring. They are taking input gathered at the 2/2018 Parish Leadership meeting to assist in developing the plan. Cindy presented ideas from the AP Team regarding Legacy of Faith grant requests. PC

supported preparing requests for Men and Women Days of Reflection and stipends for parishioners to assist them in paying for retreats at Marygrove.

- C. RATI Update:** Colleen shared guidelines that have been developed and approved by Fr. Greg for Facility Usage. This information has been shared with RATI Directors.
- D. Men's Day of Reflection:** 48 men attended this event with very positive comments and numerous asking that this be a yearly event.
- E. Parish Emergency Preparedness Plan - Cindy:** Diane, Colleen and Cindy listened to a presentation on Church Safety by Trooper Stacey Rasanen. She will provide more information to help us develop our plan. Pat, Dan Gualdoni, Tim Glover, Colleen and Patrick Markey now comprise the team to develop our plan.
- F. New Parish Member Welcome:** This event, coordinated by the Communication & Outreach Team was held in January, with about 10 attending. Many of parish committees/teams presented on their programs. These will continue to be held on an as needed basis. Fr. Greg sends welcome letters to all new parishioners.
- G. Media Monitor:** Colleen presented an overview of what has happened in the past regarding placement of the monitor screen in the gathering space. Many questions discussed as to what should be displayed, who should keep the information current, completion of wiring and where it should be placed. Matt and Pat volunteered to gather information from our local parishes who use this method of communication on what is displayed and who keeps it current, get an estimate on cost of completing project and bring their findings to the May PC meeting.
- H. Media Announcements:** Marcia presented a draft of "External Communication Policy". Marcia will present draft of policy along with recommendations from PC to parish attorney for recommendations. Final copy will be distributed to PC members for approval via email.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Mass Intercessions:** Pat shared his concern that specific "political intent" be carefully worded in Prayer of the Faithful. Cindy will share this with Deacon Dennis who prepares these.
- B. Easter Preparations:** All liturgy preparation is progressing well. Our parish does not have any Catechumens or Candidates this year. There will be a small social after Easter Vigil in the Gathering Space.
- C. Mass Schedules:** Colleen said that some parishioners approached her requesting that our parish have more am masses. It is notes that 4/5 of our daily masses are in the early am. Is there any consideration of changing Sunday masses to 9 and 11 am?

IX. Upcoming Parish/Diocesan Events:

Confirmation: 4/15/2018

X. Comments From Council Members: None

XI. Adjournment and Closing prayer, "Prayer for the Formation of Spirit-Filled Evangelizers" at 9:01 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday May 15,2018 @ 6:30pm in the Upper Room. NOTE TIME CHANGE. Please send your agenda items for the next meeting to Colleen by 5/8/2018 for addition to the agenda.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Ampe

Minutes approved by: