

St. Michael Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Greg at 7:03 pm**
- II. Attendance:** Fr. Greg, Fr. Brandon, Fred Taccolini (chair and facilitator), Colleen Roberts, Pierre Geoffrion, Maggie McFadden, Tom McFadden, Matt Surrell, Nathan Rotundo, Pat Jennings and Cindy Ampe.
Tom McFadden was officially welcomed as new member by Fred and committee.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Approved as written.**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda:** One item; Public use of outside basketball courts.
- V. St. Michael Committee Reports/Minutes:** Committee meeting reports:
 - Development** – Working on Seminarian Endowment fund presentation by Fr. Ben Hasse on 5/22/16.
Invitations being sent to selected parishioners.
 - Building & Grounds** – Pierre – no recent meeting.
 - Finance – Pat** – Committee is searching for a replacement for Kara Katona; assessing cost of replacing or repairing church bells; funding for CCM FOCUS Missionary Program.
 - Worship – Cindy** – 24 Hour Vigil for sick was held during Holy Week. It was well received, but need more people to sign up to participate; seeking younger members on committee; developing a common prayer to celebrate “Year of Mercy”; the requested information for Diocesan Hymnal sent and Sam Holmberg, Diocesan Director of Sacred Music, will be speaking to our priests, musicians and Worship Committee on direction of sacred music in our Diocese in the near future.
 - Christian Service/Evangelization – Colleen** – “Rediscovering Jesus” book distribution during Lent was well received by parishioners with all books being taken, however, discussion groups were not well attended; RATI – training held on 4/11, with goal being to have a parish team in place by fall 2016 and updated volunteer list information; Third quarter tithes of \$10,000 was distributed.
 - Stewardship – Pierre** – No meeting.
 - Youth – Maggie and Cindy** – Maggie said the youth groups have been very active. Cindy has contacted HS grads to take on liturgical ministry roles during the Mass honoring them on 5/22; Fr. Brandon along with CCM students have taken the lead in the HS Confirmation program which will be starting this fall.
- VI. Report on Parish Events/Follow-up items:**
 - A. 2/23/16 Leadership meeting – Fred:** Committee is asked to review and bring recommendations for action to next meeting. Fred recommended that it would be good for parishioners to have further education on the SCRIP Program and our parish tithing process, including sharing photos/letters from those who receive money.
 - B. Committee Directory – Cindy:** Updated information on committees was given to each member.
 - C. Stewardship Committee (follow-up with new parishioners) – Cindy:** The parish office staff will forward information on new parishioners to the Stewardship Committee, but is requesting direction on how to facilitate that. Email sent to Joe Sullivan and Tami Seavoy to put on agenda for their next meeting.
 - D. Holy Week Liturgies**-Fr. Brandon, Fr. Greg and Cindy reported hearing positive comments from many parishioners on all of the liturgies. Cindy said that attendance numbers were down at some

liturgies as many of our families that normally attend were gone for spring break. 95 attended the social after the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you to Colleen and Cathy Savela for coordinating this.

E. Lent (Grocery Cart) Food Drive – Matt: 12 – 13,000 pounds of food was collected and donated to the food pantry.

VII. Review of PC By-Laws:

A. Revisions were reviewed with committee and approved. Final copies will be distributed at next meeting.

VIII. New Business/Upcoming Parish Diocesan Events:

- A. Patty Pemble, secretary, retiring May 31, 16 - Fr. Greg and Cindy:** There will be a retirement social after the 10:30am Mass on 6/5/16. A retirement gift for Patty was approved by the PC. Kay Rambo will be starting on 6/8 and will job share with Diane Noel. Cathy Savela has been hired as an office assistant (10 hrs/wk).
- B. Parish Council is hosting the social after the 10:30am Mass on 5/8.**
- C. Basketball Court on Parish grounds – Pierre:** Pierre said that he has heard complaints about some of the youth who have been using the basketball court, e.g. propping locked door open, leaving trash in the church bathroom and other areas. Fr. Brandon said he has been working with the youth to be more responsible and will be raising the hoop to the 10 ft. it should be. PC is hoping we can establish a good relationship with the youth rather than develop restrictions.
- D. Seminarian Endowment Presentation by Fr. Ben Hasse, 5/22, with potluck at 5:30pm-Cindy:** Invitations to event being sent out by the Development Committee.
- E. High School Graduation Mass 5/22 at 10:30am Mass-Cindy:** Graduates will be honored and those who have continued to participate in parish activities will be given a certificate of appreciation. Many of the grads will have liturgical roles during the Mass.
- F. Parish Mission-Cindy:** Our parish has received a \$1500 Legacy of Faith grant to help fund a parish mission during Lent 2017. The Worship Committee is taking the lead on planning/developing the mission.
- G. Hospitality Lecture 5/31, 10 – 2:30 at Ramada Inn:** The topic will be “The Year of Mercy: A Message About God’s Love”, presented by Sr. Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., professor emerita of dogmatic theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein.
- H. Youth Mission Endurance Run/Bike/Swim – Matt:** Event is being coordinated by Andy Grosvenor and will be held on 5/20. Matt requested that this event be promoted in the bulletin.

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

- A.** Fr. Brandon said that CCM has received 2 Legacy of Faith grants: \$6000 for CCM Peer Ministry Initiative and \$600 for the Confirmation Program, “Chosen and Decision”. Fr. Brandon provided information on FOCUS Ministry (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) which he is hoping to develop for our CCM program. The program is for recent college graduates who take a year to be missionaries on campus, who mentor students and provide spiritual discipleship. MTU has this program in place now and it has been very effective with 30 Bible study groups in place on campus. Our goal is to have 4 students in place by fall 2017. Students work 50 hrs/wk and have to raise their own funds for salary, room and board. Fr. Brandon urged PC members to go to www.focus.org for further education and to pray for the development of this program.

X. Adjournment and Closing Prayer by Matt at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday June 7, 2016 at 7 pm. Fred will send out a reminder.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Ampe

Minutes approved by: