

St. Michael the Archangel Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:30pm

Present:

Mary Ellen Stevens
Mary Corcoran
Mark Johnson
Terry Taylor
Bill Ramsey
Mary Ann Wood
Joann Schaefer
Father Tony
Erika Walker
Rene Roberge – Guest

Absent:

Frank Bader
Ray Aurelia
Marty Lemmo
Natasha Corcoran
Nancy Salazar

1. Opening Prayer – 6:30pm
2. Old Business Items for Discussion
 - A. Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign
 - Diocese is no longer associated with Changing Our World; the contract was no renewed. However, the campaign still goes on and the Bishop did appoint a board to help with campaign.
 - St. Michael's is closing in on \$130,000 donations/pledges. That represents a little more than a quarter of what we should be getting. Letters will go out after Marathon Dance to those who have not pledged/donated.
 - B. Church Air Conditioning Progress
 - New AC unit sitting in back since Christmas. Starting to get rid of stuff up in the space above the sacristy and is empty. This space is not easily accessible so not an option for storage. Received \$300 from scrap metal from old AC unit. Took out old cement slab the old AC unit was sitting on and will replant with grass in the spring. Next week they will start duct work for new unit. This unit is whisper quiet.
 - C. Safety & Security
 - State Trooper Rothwein came and walked through entire complex with Father Tony. Last Wednesday, February 5th there was a safety and security meeting in the church.
 - Recommendations on how we can generate a safer environment:
 - o Lock rectory always. People would have to be buzzed into the rectory. Father Tony will contact Mahony Alarms.
 - o Everyone should know where all the exits are.
 - o Provide cage doors around all stairwells in the school
 - o Upgrade and purchase security cameras.

- Have precautions set up at mass - Have heavy items on a table to throw, place usher seats back by the door, lock doors 10 minutes after mass begins. Have a long spraying product near doors

D. Ministry Sign Up

- At all masses over the previous weekend, Father Tony asked parishioners to sign up for a ministry. People did fill out the paper, however it was filled out, mostly by those who already serve on a ministry. The parish is in desperate need of lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Erika suggested if more people didn't step up for an EM role, then perhaps not have communion at the chairs. Those parishioners would need to walk over to the main aisles. There was much debate on how to get people to sign up. In the coming weeks, those who are in the ministries will talk before mass on how enriching it is to serve. There will also be a table in the back to stop and chat to someone on ministries. Mark Johnson would like to see a couple of meetings a year for those participating as EM, to meet and get to know one another.

3. New Business Items for Discussion.

A. Lent/Easter

- Ash Wednesday is February 26th with four services
 - 7:30am and 12:10pm – prayer service only
 - 8:30am and 5:30pm – communion served
- Friday Devotions
 - Noon – Stations of the Cross without music
 - 6:00pm – Adoration
 - 6:30pm – Rosary
 - 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross
- Friday's Soup Supper
 - March 20th – Confirmation Class will offer
 - The Rosary Alter and Knights does not have any interest in offering a supper
- Father Tony is trying to get a retreat speaker however it's proving to be very difficult.
- Bi-Annual 40 hours – Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament is exposed for a length of time. Starting Palm Sunday after 5:30pm mass, April 5th and closing, Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm which is part of Holy Week.
- March 22nd Linda and music ministry will be offering Tenebrae at 3pm.

B. Long Term Planning

- Discernment for Pastoral Council
 - A discernment will need to be set for this spring/summer. Most of the current members have terms ending. These members have been serving for almost five years. Current members could stand up and discuss serving on the council and try to entice others to serve. Father Tony suggested a name of "ministry minute".

C. Scholarship

- Erika Walker suggested the Pastor Council begin to offer a scholarship each year. The student must be a high school (any high school) senior who have been an active parishioner for numerous years at St. Michaels. Name to be determined but one is "St. Michael's Pastoral Council Scholarship". There would be an application and the Pastoral Council would choose the recipient. There is current scholarship seed money made

from parishioners when Father Nugent passed away. To continue to fund this, it was brought up the money made from the wine tasting fundraiser could be used.

D. Technology

- Rene Roberge offered to conduct research to see how much it would cost to purchase projectors/technology to be able to project the mass songs, prayers and responses on the wall for mass. He will report his findings at the April meeting.

E. Diocesan Office Meeting

- Bishop Scharffenberger will be making visits to about 10 vicariates in the area. St. Michael's will be the first church he visits, which will be on March 31st. A schedule has not been finalized yet. However, 6pm there will be evening prayer and open discussion at Annunciation Parish. St. Michael's staff and Pastor Council are requested for that meeting.

4. Dates for Future Meetings

- March 24th
- April 14th

3. Closing Prayer

4. Meeting Adjourned – 8:30pm

Submitted: 2/14/2020 E. Walker