

# Pastoral Council Meeting

April 20, 2010

6:30

St. Michael's Gathering Space

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<b>Meeting called</b>	Fr. Bill and Council Leaders	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Monthly
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Jean Tehan	<b>Secretary:</b>	Laurie Bootz
<b>Attendees:</b>	Sean Bennett , Laurie Bootz, Mary Brotz, Deacon Peter Burek, Steve Crooks, Fr. Bill Grevatch, Rose Kampschroer, Pat Kinney, Mike Meverden, Fr. Greg Michaud, John Neumueller, Ann Robison, Sara Ryan, Jill Schlueter, Tom Schneider, Sue Soriano, Glen Sowinski, Denise Sullivan, Jean Tehan and Glen Witter.		
	<b>Staff:</b> LeeAnn Lella		
	<b>Absent:</b> Bruce Chopp, Sherry Kiefer, Steve Opatik, and Denise Sullivan.		

## Minutes

**Call to Order: 6:31 with prayer**

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**Agenda item:** Youth Ministry **Presenters:** Fr. Bill Grevatch

**Discussion:** Jean asked for the councils thoughts regarding the John Schmitt Youth Ministry presentation from last month.

- Working together at the Deanery level but still work on within each parish. There are 21 parishes in the Wausau Deanery; this is a lot of parishes to have involved. Possibly have 2-3 parishes involved together.
- Each parish has its own identity, but we could pool resources.
- If there were one Youth Minister (YM) between 2-3 parishes, who would the YM report to? This could present a problem.
- The RCIA program is a good example as it is a success and it is between 5 parishes. The pastors of the 2-3 parishes would need to collaborate and agree on the terms.
- Parish's could "support" a program at another parish and send their youth to that parish. One pastor would then be in charge. This would eliminate the YM from being "shared".
- Is there interest between the parishes to collaborate currently? Three of the 5 parishes in the area are already doing their own thing.
- It would help to begin attending the Total Catholic Ministries meetings.
- The presentation that John presented is a "vision", it is not reality.
- In our parishes we have approximately 150-200 kids in the 6-12 grades.
- Youth are the foundation of the church. The money needed should be pulled from somewhere as this is worth the cost.
- There were 20-25 youth at the bon-fire and about 11 youth at the get together last week.
- St. Mary's on Grand Ave start their youth group with elementary school children and it is modeled after the scouts. Fr. Bill likes this model. Sara Ryan mentioned that her daughter attended this past weekend and there were about 40 girls; they worked in the kitchen, played kickball, watched a movie on a Saint and had a spiritual talk. They split the girls and boys because of activity interest.
- Fr. Bill mentioned there is the possibility of a half time person to start with. A committee has been formed to review the possibilities.

**Conclusions:** Positive response to the presentation; There is interest to pursue further.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Bring your thoughts to the May meeting	All	05/18
✓ If interested in working on this ministry, contact Fr. Greg	All	

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**Agenda item:** Council Terms **Presenter:** Jean Tehan

**Discussion:** Steve Opatik's term has expired. Resurrection needs a replacement. It is hoped that all the remaining council members will remain on the council.

There is also the need of a co-chair from Resurrection. Fr. Bill is open to suggestions.

Co-chair duties include: chairing 4-5 meetings a season; must attend an agenda meeting prior to council meeting and must be a Resurrection parish member.

**Conclusions:** This is a council made up of a good group of people.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ If you know of someone that is interested in the council, inform Fr. Bill	All	
✓ If you are interested in being the co-chair, please inform Fr. Bill	Resurrection Council Members	

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**Agenda item:** East Side Parish Pictorial Directory **Presenter:** Fr. Bill Grevatch

**Discussion:** We will have one book with both parishes represented. No dates or contracts have been signed, but this would be nice to have to mark the celebrate of the anniversaries of the churches:  
- St. James (the building retains this name) was constructed in 1911 – 2011 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
- St. Michael's was constructed in 1887 – 2012 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Should we celebrate these anniversaries? Discussion followed:

- Pertaining to Resurrection, we are not celebrating the people within the parish; we are celebrating the fact that this building has been greeting God's children for 100 years. We put a lot of money into the restoration; we need to celebrate this building.
- Be respectful of any sensitivity.
- It would be nice to have a brief history of the churches, a Mass and possibly a potluck.
- A committee would need to be formed.

**Conclusions:** A pictorial directory is a good idea; We should celebrate the history of these beautiful buildings.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ If you are interested in being on the anniversary committee, see Fr. Bill	All	
✓ Think about this and bring your thoughts to Fr. Bill	All	

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**Agenda item:** Finance **Presenter:** Pat Kinney, Glen Witter

**Discussion:** St. Michael's is doing well. Slightly ahead of last year. Debt retirement monies will be needed in the future. We are keeping up with the interest payments. Still need #31,000.00 for the Diocesan Appeal. This summer a \$35,000.00 endowment check will be arriving from We Belong to Christ.

Resurrection is doing well. We are in about the same place we were last year. Still need \$30,000.00 for the Diocesan Appeal, a letter will be going to all parishioners. Monies should be available for building maintenance from the We Belong to Christ fund.

**Conclusions:** We are doing well but we must collect the full amount for the Diocesan Appeal.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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**Agenda item:** Committee Update

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

Social Justice

- This is Barb Mullen's last season as chair.
- NAOMI – about 8 people have signed up. There is no core team from St. Michael's, still looking for members. Some parishioners have approached council members expressing their concern over our involvement with WISDOM and the Gamaliel Foundation. Bishop Ricken of Green Bay has asked all his parishes to withdraw their membership with this group. <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2010/feb/10022612.html>
- Fr. Bill mentioned that if our Bishop objects (after appointed) to this relationship, we will have to withdraw as well.

Family Life

- Expanding the server picnic – possibly a quarterly event starting in August.
- Widows, Separated and Divorced will disband as there are no attendees.
- The Mother's Ministry is going very well. They blessed their first two Moms' recently.
- Marriage Prep, looking into getting more people involved and is checking with the deanery for materials.

Sacred Worship

- Reviewed the Easter celebrations and felt all went very well. Attendance was down a bit due to spring break.
- Looking into having Reconciliation as a city wide parish celebration instead of per parish.

Education

- Stewardship weekend is coming up. Hope to have teens doing some of the speaking.
- Discussed models for Youth Ministry. Promoting Live4Him.
- Looking down the road would like a concert with Tatiana Cameron. Parishioners would be invited but the youth would own the event.
- Vacation Bible School is in July.

**Conclusions:**

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

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**Agenda item:** Pastor's Report

**Presenter:** Fr. Bill

**Discussion:**

- Tim Oudenhoven's ordination/Shrine bus trip, Memorial weekend.
- Picnic is being planned; St. Michael's parishioners will be invited to join.
- Newman Catholic Schools – the reorganization is taking place. 100 students are still needed to meet the budget. We should advertise enrollment with a sign of sorts along the street. If any remodeling needs to be done at the school at St. Michael's they will need to pay for it. The monies will not come from St. Michael's.

**Conclusions:**

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ If interested in the Oudenhoven/Shrine bus trip, call the office

All

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✓ If interested in helping with the picnic, call the office

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## ***Other Information***

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**Special notes:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 with a prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Gathering Space

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