

March 17, 2009

Pastoral Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Gathering Space

Meeting called by: Fr. Bill and Council Leaders **Type of meeting:** Monthly
Facilitator: Steve Opatik **Prayer Leader:** Fr. Dan
Attendees: Sean Bennett, Laurie Bootz, Deacon Peter, Fr. Bill, Fr. Dan, Pat Kinney, John Neumueller, Steve Opatik, Jill Schlueter, Sue Soriano, Glen Sowinski, Judy Staszak, Denise Sullivan, Jean Tehan and John Townsend.
Absent: Mary Brotz, Bruce Chopp, Steve Crooks, Rose Kampschroer, Mike Maher, Ann Robison, Sara Ryan.
Staff: Tom Lella, Mary Ann Lenzner

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Agenda item: Sacred Worship Committee Update **Presenter:** Sue Soriano

Discussion: Goals are based on Stewardship and Catholic Identity. They “prepare” the liturgy; they do not “plan” the liturgy.

The committee would like to:

- Encourage more people to become involved.
 - Servers are needed – many ideas were brought up regarding this ministry, from making this a service commitment as part of CCD or Confirmation, to a mentorship program.
 - Would like families to bring up the gifts instead of the ushers.
- This committee lost some people and gained a few with Time and Talent.
- The committee is hosting a dinner on Thursday, 3/19 for the Ministers of Hospitality.
- The committee tries to provide education opportunities; an example is the Liturgy Corner in the bulletin.
- Improve music and be sensitive to parishioner’s wants and needs.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Need to coordinate the donated food being brought to the altar area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Put the basket near the table where the gifts are ○ Put the basket near the altar instead of the back of church 	Committee Members	

Agenda item: Stewardship Weekends/Committee Sign-ups **Presenter:** Mary Ann Lenzner

Discussion: Stewardship members felt they could do two ministries at a time instead of one in the future. An evaluation on the process will be sent to the committee chairs on how they felt the process went.

Discussion followed:

- Some parishioners were confused and did not understand that the focus was on one ministry at a time.
- Question was asked on whether we received more responses by doing the ministries separately. Difficult to get this information from the chairs as not all chairs were in place when we did all the ministries at one time.
- Testimonials are the best way to get across to parishioners.
- What is the Stewardship Committee’s goals and purpose?
- Can we utilize the website to get responses?
- Do we want to offer 1, 3, or 5 year sign up instead of 1 year at a time?
- What is the mail cost with doing the ministries separately?
- Could we have all ministries on the handout with the featured ministry highlighted in color?

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**
If we ask for people to sign up for Time and Talent we must make sure follow up is done with all that reply. Committee Chair

Agenda item: Council, Committee & Finance Council Minutes Review **Presenter:** Steve Opatik
Discussion: The Agenda committee met with staff and committee chairs to identify a process to formally identify what the committees want addressed by the council. To coordinate, with the goal that the agenda is set based on committee minutes. If any committee feels that their concerns are not being heard, they are to contact Fr. Bill directly.

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**

Agenda item: Parish Council Elections **Presenter:** Steve Opatik
Discussion: The Parish Council term is two years; May to May. You can serve three consecutive, two year terms without going through the election. A review of council members' terms will be done and reported at the next meeting.

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**

Agenda item: Finances **Presenter:** Pat Kinney
Discussion:

- Both parishes are doing well. Adult envelopes are good.
- Interest rate for St. Michael's is lower than anticipated with the economic downturn.
- To some extent Resurrection is relying on wills to meet payments.
- A consistent vacation policy for staff will be addressed at the next meeting.
- A small building and grounds committee will be formed.

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**

Agenda item: Pastor's Report **Presenter:** Fr. Bill
Discussion:

- Tim Oudenhoven is being ordained a Deacon on April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Plover. Fr. Bill would like a good representation from our parishes. A note will be put in the bulletin for people to call the office if they would like to ride share.
- Committee meetings are scheduled to be held the Tuesday of Holy Week, Fr. Bill prefers that the chairs reschedule to a date that works best for the individual committees.
- David Sandquist, the campus minister at Newman, is leaving his post on March 20th. Fr. Hackel has been asked to fill his role for the remainder of the school term. Thus, he will not be as available during the week as he has been in the past, until school this school year is completed.
- Catholic school enrollment is down for the fall. Some tough decisions will need to be made.

Action items **Person responsible** **Deadline**

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m. with an Irish Blessing by Fr. Bill.