

Pastoral Council Meeting

November 16, 2010,
6:30pm

St. Michael's Gathering Space

Meeting called Fr. Bill and Council Leaders **Type of meeting:** Monthly
Facilitator: Laurie Bootz **Secretary:** Rose Kampschroer

Attendees: Sean Bennett, Bruce Chopp, Steve Crooks, Fr. Bill Grevatch, Sherry Kieffer, Pat Kinney, Mike Meverden, John Neumueller, Jill Schlueter, Tom Schneider, Sue Soriano, Glen Sowinski, Jean Tehan, David Wanserski and Glen Witter
Staff: LeeAnn Lella
Absent: Mary Brotz and Deacon Peter Burek

Minutes

Correction to last month's minutes: Youth group member is G. Slowinski not G. Witter. Also S. Ryan was present.

Call to Order: 6:30 with a prayer

Agenda item: Youth Ministry **Presenters:** LeeAnn Lella
Discussion: Banners with the different school colors are being worked on and will be on display at meetings and different functions. Work is being done on getting names and emails.

March 18th will be a service trip to St. Paul. They will be visiting the Dorothy Day House or a Catholic Charity facility followed by time to enjoy the Mall of America. They will be encouraged to bring friends; the cost will be about \$50.00. Chaperones are needed.

Deanery Lockout is taking shape for middle school participants. It would include activities at different churches including St. Agnes, St. Michael, St. Anne and an overnight at one of the churches. Scheduling is planned for March or April.

Other activities include the trip to youth conference in Indianapolis, assigning of youth representatives to the different committees, and working on a logo for Youth Ministry. Plans are in the works for a Day for Seniors; preparing youth for college and making sure we stay in touch with kids once they go to college; a dance; and submitting question in bulletin for "Go ask your Pastor".

Conclusions: Team is strong and a strong foundation is being laid. Prayers are needed as well as volunteers.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ If interested in chaperoning Minneapolis trip, contact LeeAnn Lella.	All	

Agenda item: Ad Hoc **Presenter:** Laurie Bootz, Pat Kinney, and Tom Schneider

Discussion: Conversation between parishes was frank. The formula itself is still being evaluated but other items are also being looked at as well. Some thinking out of the box is needed to come up with how and what we can do to continue supporting Newman Catholic Schools on a parish level, continue to make it fair and affordable.

Conclusions: More thinking and discussion needs to happen and will not be finished for next year budget.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ All seven parishes in area are being contacted about support to schools.	Ray Mickevicius	

Agenda item: Finance **Presenter:** Glen Witter CR
Pat Kinney SM

Discussion: Resurrection is about \$15,000 behind in budget
St. Michael's behind in budget by \$30,000....attempts at controlling cost continues.
Father remarked that only the interest from endowment of funds should be used, More information needs to go out to those parishioners who intend to remember the parish in their wills. The direction of the money is indicated by leaving it in an endowment or just leaving it to the church. Parishioners need to know that money left in a will is taxed 5% by the diocese.
Jean Tehan suggested setting up a Leave a Legacy Research; she will bring more information on this in the future.

Conclusions: NCS budget problems continue. Roof replacement is a necessity at St. Michaels.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Legacy Foundation	Jean Tehan	
✓ Getting information to Parishioners about remembering parish in wills.		

Agenda item: Naomi Update **Presenter:** Bruce Chopp

Discussion: A presentation with diagram was given by B. Chopp. In it he let us know that Naomi is about Social Justice. It's about reaching out to the people who are hurting in the community. They will not work on issues that are controversial. WISDOM is the base unit and it aids in linking communities and congregations. Naomi consists of members (dues are \$500.00 annually) and Clergy Caucus. The executive committee is formed and then decides on which issues they will work on.
The main focus for the year will be 1) mental health and what can be done to fill in gaps for treatment, 2) family advocacy and 3) dental health accessibility in Marathon County.
Other items being researched are TIP (treatment instead of prison) and foreclosures

Conclusions: We have eight members at present including St. John Baptist Episcopal, St. Anne's Catholic, Bread of Life, St. Stephen Lutheran, St. Michaels Catholic, Faith in Christ Fellowship, Mt Sinai Congregation, and Church of the Resurrection Catholic

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Renewal of membership		

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

Discussion:

- Expansion of Northland House is a no go at this time due to financial cut backs.
- The pictorial directory will include history of St. Mary's as well.
- Call by Name includes Tim Radtke and Sam McCarty. This will take place in January.
- St Vincent De Paul needs fund raising.
- Holy Land art sale will happen in January.
- Presentation on Annulments will be given by Monsignor Robert Hunt. Date TBD
- Newman Catholic School auction was a success even though they were a little down in fund raising.

Conclusions: Prayers and support are needed for all the above.

Other Information

Special notes: Please refer to individual committee minutes for details on what is happening in their respective committees. A brief synopsis was given at the council meeting by each committee.
Mention was made of Sun Printing and Karla Kieffer being responsible for beautiful stewardship banners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 with a prayer.

January Schedule: Committee Meetings, January 4, 2011; Agenda Meeting Jan. 13, 2011, Parish Council, Jan. 18.
