

Pastoral Council Meeting

September 15, 2009

6:30

St. Michael's Gathering Space

Meeting called by: Fr. Bill and Council Leaders **Type of meeting:** Monthly
Facilitator: Steve Opatik **Secretary:** Laurie Bootz

Attendees: Sean Bennett, Laurie Bootz, Mary Brotz, Deacon Peter Burek, Bruce Chopp, Steve Crooks, Fr. Bill Grevatch, Rose Kampschroer, Sherry Kiefer, Mike Meverden, Fr. Greg Michaud, John Neumueller, Steve Opatik, Ann Robison, Sara Ryan, Jill Schlueter, Tom Schneider, Sue Soriano, Glen Sowinski, Denise Sullivan, Jean Tehan and Glen Witter. **Staff:** LeeAnn Lella. **Guests:** Jeanne Lang and Phil Menzner.

Absent: Mary Brotz

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:34 with a prayer

Agenda item: Newman Catholic Schools **Presenter:** Phil Menzner and Jeanne Lang

Discussion:

- Education Commission Advisory body will evaluate each schools structure and how to use the facilities they have in the best way possible. There is an architect working with committee regarding buildings.
- No decisions have been made.
- Commission meeting on 09/29 to tour the Newman Catholic School buildings.
- Planning parish meetings to discuss with the seven parishes in the near future.
- Savings could amount to \$300,000.00 - \$400,000.00 yearly.
- St. Mark's is also involved in the discussions.
- Possible changes:
 - Close St. Matthew's
 - Move some grades to the high school
 - Modify classes at St. Anne's and St. Michael's
 - Closing of the child development center
- The budget needs to be sent to the Bishop in December.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		
✓		

Agenda item: Ben Nguyen's presentation at August 18th meeting **Presenter:** Steve Opatik

Discussion: Ben's presentation was very well received. Steve felt that page 5 of the "*Consultation in the Parish*" handout was crucial to our committee; What is the function of a Pastoral Council? Ben mentioned that it is "making Christ alive in the parish".

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓		
✓		

Agenda item: Youth Ministry **Presenter:** Denise Sullivan
LeeAnn Lella
Fr. Greg Michaud

Discussion: A group of adults and teens met over the summer. The first event is this Saturday. The challenge is meeting the needs of all teens. Fr. Greg mentioned that there is a large challenge with the spectrum of youth at various levels of faith.

- More volunteers are needed.
- They are working on building a core team of adults and teens.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Please pray for the Youth Group	All	
✓ If interested in helping, contact Fr. Greg, Denise or LeeAnn.		

Agenda item: Committee Minutes Review **Presenter:** Steve Opatik

Discussion: Steve mentioned that they are working towards the goal of having the same format for all committee minutes.

Social Justice – Deacon Peter mentioned that “communication” is their priority.

NAOMI – Bruce Chopp reported that the steering committee worked on the by-laws. On 10/01 there is a meeting to review the by-laws at St. Michael’s. There is a training session scheduled for 11/02 and St. John the Baptist is joining which brings the total so far to four churches.

Family Life – John Neumeyer mentioned that the new parishioner packet will be available at the next council meeting.

Education – LeeAnn states that there are members needed for the Adult Education committee.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact LeeAnn Lella if interested in joining Adult Education		
✓		

Agenda item: Finance **Presenter:** Fr. Bill

Discussion:

- The Bishop’s Appeal begins next Sunday.
- Resurrection was able to receiving a matching donation for the 2009 Bishop’s Appeal.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: Parish Committee Liaison’s **Presenter:** Steve Opatik

Discussion: Steve mentioned that all members of the council are to be a liaison to one of the committees. A list was provided; members currently not associated with a committee are to contact Steve or Phyllis Burclaff, the St. Michael’s parish secretary.

Conclusions: All parish council members are to be a liaison to one of the committees.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Call or email Steve Opatik or Phyllis Burclaff with the committee you would like to be aligned with	Members not aligned with a committee	October
✓		

Agenda item: Pastor's Report

Presenter: Fr. Bill

- Discussion:**
- Newman Catholic School system – look at it as a system that is parish based.
 - On November 5, there is a Stewardship Convocation in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.
 - Intentional giving mailing going out shortly. Any questions should be directed to Fr. Bill, Fr. Greg or the Finance Council.
 - Glen Witter suggested that the Finance Council meeting be moved so that they meet prior to the Pastoral Council on the third Tuesday of the month. Fr. Bill suggested that this be brought up at the next Finance Council meeting.
 - Columbarium and Mausoleum committees are moving slowly. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the future.
 - Paving will be done soon in the Resurrection parking lot.
 - The soffit at St. Michael's will be worked on this week.
 - Sean Bennett asked that we address Brennan Hall access. This will be tabled at this time.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Move the Finance Council meeting so it is prior to the Pastoral Council on the third Tuesday of each month.	Glen Witter	October
✓		

Other Information

Special notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 with a prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Gathering Space