

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council
August 14, 2018, minutes

Members present: Fr. Marty, Fr. Greg, Deacon Ed, John Companik, David Gray, Linda Kinzer, Joe Tomaszewski, Dan Price, Lynn Schmitt, and Tom Molnar

Additional guest present: Janice Gatons, Fr. Luron

Fr. Marty opened the meeting by reading a treatise from St. Theodore, Bishop of Cyre after which the council members then joined Fr. Marty in an opening prayer.

John started the meeting by reviewing open action items from the previous meetings. Dan then gave an update on the new Diocesan Pastoral Council, indicating that he has been accepted as our representative to that Council and will be receiving some materials on it shortly.

John then reviewed progress today on the implementation of the Synod activities, which included:

1. Presentation of the Synod implementation plan to the Bishop on Pentecost Sunday
2. Meeting with the Bishop on July 19th in St. Patrick Hall and review of the plan's governance by the parish
 - a. This includes possibly developing a Pastoral Council sub-committee to help update progress
3. Use of the Synod logo on our Synod activities
4. Discussion of the successful roll out of Theology on Tap and Theology Uncorked
5. Progress on the small prayer groups and timetable for starting them
6. Progress on Haiti Mission

Janice Gatons presented information on "Catholicism - The New Evangelization" program that the parish is kicking off. It is a 6 week course, helping to understand our encounters with Christ and how to better tell others about it. The course will meet for approximately 1 and 1/2 hours once a week and signups are in progress with 11 folks already enrolled. Classes start on September 6th. Janice requested Council members to consider enrolling if available.

John and Fr. Marty reviewed the draft agenda for the Pastoral Council retreat currently scheduled for September 7th and 8th. John will send the final agenda out to the members this week. John also discussed the upcoming Feast Day and Ministry Fair planning. Pastoral Council historically organizes the event and we are probably a bit behind. John will send out the planning guide, requesting help from fellow council members, and start working with groups to get things moving.

Linda gave a quick review of the last Education and Formation commission meeting, and will send Dan updates to the Strategic plan. Lynn also reviewed the latest Stewardship commission meeting and updated the council on progress being made around mailings to parishioners reaching different milestones as well as working with

the welcoming committee and office staff to ensure that new members are followed up with and given consistent information. Father Marty passed along an invite to the Stewardship Committee for the "Day of Stewardship" at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City on November 3rd. John also brought up the request of the Labors of Love ministry for additional support. It was discussed again and David will touch back with them on path forward for getting some additional funding through the parish budget for their works.

Father Greg also updated the council that he and Patrick were working on consolidating several parish calendars and asked the commission liaisons to pass along any standing meets and/or calendars that they had from their ministries for inclusion.

The council plans to review the strategic plan and the council and commission charters at the upcoming retreat. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September, 4th at 7 p.m. in one of the small meeting rooms of St. Patrick's Hall.

The meeting adjourned after the council prayed the "Glory Be", led by Fr. Greg.

Respectfully submitted,

John Companik