

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council

August 14, 2017 minutes

Members present: Fr. Marty, Fr. Gregory, Deacon Ed, John Companik, David Gray, Linda Hansen, Linda Kinzer, Alice Lewinski, Lynn Schmitt, Joe Tomaszewski, Gib Wieser

Fr. Marty began the meeting by reading from Pope Pius XII's apostolic constitution on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and leading the council in an opening prayer. He then distributed a portion of a letter Bishop Hying sent to him and his brother priests outlining the next steps in implementing the ideas discussed at the synod held June 2-4. Each parish is asked to create its own synod plan, which in the case of St. Michael's means choosing two or three priorities from the synod and incorporating those into our existing parish strategic plan. Fr. Marty suggested the parish focus on evangelization as one of the priorities, and council members discussed young adult ministry, programs for parents of children in between the ages of baptism and Eucharist, and forming small faith sharing communities as other possibilities. John, Linda K., Alice and David will review various synod priorities and parts of our existing parish strategic plan and report their findings to the entire council at its next meeting.

John led a discussion on the parish's feast day and ministry fair which is scheduled for the weekend of September 23-24. Council members volunteered to perform several tasks that weekend, and the events will be similar to what transpired a year ago, including a reprisal of the spaghetti dinner Sunday evening. New this year will be specific time slots for ministries to participate in adoration between the 11:30 AM Mass and evening prayer.

The following Friday and Saturday, September 29-30, council members will hold their annual retreat at the rectory starting at 6:00 PM on Friday and after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday.

Fr. Marty reported good news on several other fronts, including an enrollment of approximately 200 students at the parish school which is comparable to last year's enrollment. The parish plans to invest more in its own marketing efforts to ensure enrollment stays stable or increases. The weekly average last calendar year (2016) for the pledge payments was \$13,000 which means the parish has enough money in the bank and has received diocesan approval to send and receive bids during late 2017 and early 2018 and have a detailed construction calendar by spring 2018. Detailed campaign totals appear in the bulletin weekly, and this fall during one weekend's Masses parishioners can expect to watch a short 2-3 minute video explaining the scope of the project. While the parish continues to work toward its capital campaign goals, it has reached this year's CSA goal, though more CSA contributions are welcome.

Fr. Gregory led the council in a closing prayer, and the council adjourned until its next meeting on September 6 at 7:00 PM in one of the meeting rooms of St. Patrick Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Cox