

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council
October 10, 2017 minutes

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

Additional guests present: Members of the Stewardship Commission

Fr. Marty began the meeting by reading from St. Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Trallians and then leading all present in an opening prayer. The council welcomed members of the Stewardship Commission, and commission member Lynda Hemmerling gave an overview of what the commission does and what it would like to do for the entire parish since stewardship is something that permeates everything the parish does and therefore affects all ministries. Currently the five-member commission creates a weekly stewardship challenge, posts welcome signs on the doors of the church, has a team of people holding doors open for parishioners attending Mass on major feast days and works closely with the diocesan stewardship commission. Stewardship Commission members discussed attending a national stewardship convention in fall 2018 and have a variety of ideas to increase stewardship in the parish between now and then. Those ideas include taking a more active role in the ministry fair, ensuring parishioners who signed up to join a ministry at the ministry fair receive follow-up information from a member of that ministry in a timely manner, ensuring new parishioners feel welcome and have adequate opportunities to join ministries of their choice, creating bulletin announcements and brochures to promote stewardship and giving a brief presentation at all Masses on a particular weekend. Council members thanked Stewardship Commission members for their ideas and progress thus far and anticipate working with them to implement some of their ideas, particularly those which align to the priorities established in response to the diocesan synod.

John recapped this year's ministry fair and reported that 56 people signed up to become more involved with particular ministries. The council was pleased with the spaghetti dinner but wondered if there are ways to make the banner procession more effective, especially since many ministries did not have adequate banner carriers for all four Masses.

Council members also received an updated list of ministry chairpersons organized by commission. Those lists, along with charter documents, will be helpful as the council's two liaisons to each commission plan their next commission meetings. Lee Ann reported on a meeting involving members of the Spirituality and Worship Commission which occurred earlier in October. The meeting covered topics such as special Masses, projects and liturgical events during Advent 2017 and Lent 2018 and the parish mission with Fr. Albert Haase scheduled for November 10-13, 2018. Linda H. and Linda K. will meet with the Education Commission on October 26, and Alice and David will meet with the Peace and Social Justice Commission on January 16. The next Parish Life Commission and Stewardship Commission meetings are to be announced.

Following the Hail Mary, the council adjourned until its next meeting, scheduled for November 13 in one of the small meeting rooms in St. Patrick's Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Cox