

**ST. MICHAEL'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 20, 2017**

The meeting opened with a prayer by George Groll at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Fr. Tom Boufford, George Groll, Jim Stechschulte, David Martin, Holly Miller

Members Absent: Felix Ingram, Richard Klenk, Lionel MacKenzie, Kathy Wernette

Guests Present: David Miller, Camille Stechschulte, David & Mary Swanson of Swanson Design Studio

The minutes of the previous meeting (January 9, 2017) were accepted as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Cemetery Policy & Parish Center Rental Policy

George Groll was in receipt of a written question from Felix Ingram and received input from the Council members on how to reply.

Church Remodeling/Renovation/Addition

David & Mary Swanson of Swanson Design Studio gave a presentation to the group explaining their methodology and philosophy of developing a Master Plan/Schematic Design with a typical Parish.

Historically, they have seen the total elapsed time for this initial phase taking from 5-6 months to a year.

They submitted a proposal to complete a Master Plan/Schematic Design for St. Michaels at a cost of \$75/hr, with a total not to exceed \$12,000, plus reimbursables estimated at \$750. They typically work with a Parish Building Committee of 10-15 members and conduct periodic Parish Town Hall meetings as required and recommend posting of goals and concepts for all to see as well as bulletin inserts.

The Council thanked the Swansons for their presentation and continued the discussion after they left.

Jim Stechschulte recently had a brief discussion with Bob Washer, President of the Michigan Architectural Foundation. He is retired from the construction industry and a weekender at Fawn Lake in Canadian Lakes.

He is currently working on a project at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and said to call him if he can be of assistance. Jim also reserved the Parish Center for 7:00pm on May 19<sup>th</sup> for a potential feedback meeting for the Parish. There is also a Building & Grounds meeting scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Office to include this subject.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Concerns, Comments from Parishioners

Feedback from parishioners included, 1) request for quiet time instead of singing/music during communion and before Mass, 2) sensitivity to comments by volunteer staff at a funeral, 3) reason for discontinuing the ringing of the bells during the consecration.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. Tom.

Lionel MacKenzie had volunteered for the closing prayer; so in his absence it was decided to carry his wishes over to the March 13, 2017 meeting.

These minutes, submitted by Jim Stechschulte, are not yet approved. Approved 03-13-2017.