

**ST. MICHAEL'S PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2016**

George Groll opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Fr. Tom Boufford, George Groll, Richard Klenk, Jim Stechschulte, Felix Ingram, Lionel MacKenzie, Holly Miller, Kathy Wernette, David Martin

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

The minutes of the previous meeting (August 8, 2016) were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Magnetic Christianity

The first chapter, "Positivity", was discussed, including ways this trait can help Pastoral Council members, and others in general, in their daily activities and overall missions. The plan is to cover a new chapter each meeting.

Church Remodeling/Renovation/Addition

Most of the Pastoral Council members were present at the October 13th meeting on this subject, to which were invited all members of St. Michaels ministries who wished to attend. Jim Stechschulte passed out an attendance sheet showing that 30 attended, representing all of our ministries. At the meeting, Jim covered the chronology of events to date, the purpose of the meeting, the scope of the process, and took questions from the floor. A questionnaire was handed out and explained and attendees were asked to fill one out and return it thru the weekly collection, to the Parish office, or by email. The content of the questionnaires will be tabulated and summarized for review by the Process Committee and the Pastoral Council. Jim will also attend the Finance Council on 11/10/2016.

Father Tom advised the possibility of a field trip for those interested to St. Francis in Muskegon (Fr Charles Hall), including a guided tour, sometime in the first half of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

School Policy On Volunteerism

Lionel questioned whether the written policy related to tuition at the school that requires volunteering at/for the school by each family should be amended to include volunteering at/for the Church. He was advised to take up this subject with those responsible at the school.

Parish Center Rental Policy & Cemetery Policy & Prices

In looking at the existing 2009 Parish Directory (new one being prepared), Father Tom noted that the information about renting the Parish Center needs to be updated. Also, members were asked to review the prices for cemetery lots and the columbarium in comparison to other options in the area.

George passed out copies of the Parish Center rental policy and the cemetery policy and prices for member review.

Concerns, Comments from Parishioners

Richard asked if the Christmas Eve Mass this year would be a children's mass. Father advised that he had not been approached by the school, and someone would need to organize the details and coordinate with the Liturgy Committee.

A suggestion was received from Pat DeFever that perhaps we should once again provide survey forms in the pews at the masses to seek additional volunteers. Father noted that when this is done it is very important to follow-up with the people who respond.

Holly received positive feedback regarding Father's homilies at funerals and appreciation for his thanks to groups for their work. Also for his inclusive recognition of those participating in the liturgies.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Lionel MacKenzie.

David Martin volunteered for the closing prayer at the December 12th meeting.

These minutes, submitted by Jim Stechschulte, are not yet approved.

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