

St. Michael's Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 04/04/17

Members present: Father Jeff, Carmella Owen, Susan Smith, Theresa McCue, Terry Clark, Lee Lauster, Chris Hasseler, Pat Albrecht, Isabella Bailey, Brian Donnelly, Carmen Fantauzzi, Henry Hann

Members absent: Joe Loson, Joe Malach, Peter Voyt, Gina Porter

Opening Prayer: Carmella Owen

The minutes from February 7, 2017 were approved

Old Business

- **Pastor's Report**
 - Father Jeff presented the Pastor's Report for April 2017. The complete report is included with the minutes of the meeting.
 - Route 88 Update – At this time diagonal parking will be maintained in front of the church but not in the area by the businesses
 - Announcement that Pat will be retiring in June as Pastoral Associate. We all congratulate and thank Pat for her wonderful contributions to our Parish and community. We pray for a happy and healthy retirement.
 - June Sherman will leave her position as Catechetical Leader/Youth Ministry to become Pastoral Associate. We will advertise to replace June's former position.
- **Parish Communication**
 - Father Jeff reviewed the Easter mailings and communications
 - Our Facebook page 70+ likes. An events calendar has been created.
 - Father is researching a smartphone app for our parish
- **Name Tags**

- A reminder was given to Council Members to wear name tags at Mass
- Please remember to check the greeting rotation. If you cannot attend please try to find a replacement
- **Parish Council Photos**
 - Tabled to next meeting

- **School Update**
 - There were no new updates relative to the school

- **Membership Terms for Council**
 - A reminder to members whose term ends this year to notify the Council if they wish to have their name put in nomination for a second term
 - The nomination form and process will be the same as previous years.
 - Nomination forms will be available at the April 29-30 masses and May 6-7 masses. Names will be drawn on May 21

New Business

- **Moving Forward**
 - Why do you come to church?
 - What do you like about it here?
 - During a roundtable discussion each member of the Council expressed his/her personal perspective on the two questions above
 - As a result of the discussion a desire to establish and promote small Christian communities to both “feed the spirit” and build engagement and community in our parish was discussed.
 - Parish Council will play an important role in this. It was suggested that the Council could serve as a planning body with specific tasks
 - Further discussion will continue with a focus on Parish Council function and role in the above ideas.

- **Questions and Concerns**

- Reminder that the Staff Luncheon will be on May 22. A sign up sheet was distributed to indicate what you want to make for the luncheon.
- Reminder that the June meeting is also a dinner meeting for new Council members. A sign up sheet for the dinner was also distributed.
- A request for an update regarding the kneelers in the chapel was made

Closing Prayer: Carmella

Next Meeting: June 6, 2017 6:30 pm, Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Brian Donnelly

Closing Prayer: Joe Loson

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Hann