

**St. Michael's Church**  
**Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes for 12/05/17**

**Members present:** Father Jeff, Carmella Owen, Peter Vogt, Terry Clark, Lee Lauster, Chris Hasseler, Joe Loson, Bridget Mann, Pauline DeCann, June Sherman, Isabella Bailey, Joe Malach, Theresa McCue, Henry Hann,

**Members absent:** Gina Porter

**Opening Prayer:** Theresa McCue

Carmella Owen shared a prayer that the Council read together

The minutes from November 7, 2017 were approved

- **Pastor's Report Highlights (complete report included with the minutes)**
  - Father Jeff reported that while collections are up since the Financial Report, we are still below our anticipated budget. Good news is at this point our expenses are under budget. Part of the low expenses is not having entered the heating season yet.
  - The Christmas letter has been sent out. There has not been a lot of feedback. The Council supports the letter and appreciates having it sent out to the members of our parish.
  - Father has placed a Facebook ad for our Christmas Masses. It has already received some "likes" and will serve to promote communication in our community
  - Changes in announcing birthdays/anniversaries have been positively received.
  - Father reported our progress in meeting our CMA goal
- **Regional Planning Meeting in Clyde**
  - Prior to this council meeting Father emailed the materials presented at the Regional Meeting to members of the Council
  - Father and Council members who attended the meeting provided insight and feedback from the meeting. It is clear

that changes are necessary. Careful planning, consideration and prayerful thought will be necessary to effectively manage the anticipated change.

- We reviewed and discussed the geographic parameters and challenges for parishes in Wayne County. We have a relatively large geographic area, but not a densely populated area.
- We anticipate going from 5 priests in Wayne County to 4 in the next five years.
- The next meeting will likely be at the end of January, 2018
- Carmella will be the Pastoral Council representative. A representative from the Financial Committee has yet to be determined.
- **Old Business**
  - Thanks to Gina. The photos are up and look great.
  - Greeters. We discussed the benefit of have Greeters at each mass. We were encouraged to check the schedule that was distributed to all Council members. It was suggested that the Greeters could be included in the bulletin schedule.
  - Advent Dinner and a Movie went very well. Carlos did a great job. Many positive comments
- **Upcoming Events:** The following events were noted
  - Holy Hour -Dec. 20 at 6:00 pm
  - Advent Penance Service – Dec. 9 at 11:00 am
- **New Business**
  - Parish Festival – A meeting will be held on January 8 at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Festival. New ideas are certainly welcome.
- **Questions/Concerns by Council Members**
  - The obituary of Sister Rita Kaufman, former school teacher here, was brought to our attention.
  - Feedback given to a Council member relative to the disappointment in their feeling of being welcome in church was shared.
  - ⊖ Can the Jesus stained glass window behind the altar be lit? Fr. Jeff reported some work on this recently but further work needed to *adequately light the window.*

- A need to increase participation in volunteers cleaning the church was expressed.
- **Closing Prayer:** Bridget

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2018 at 6:30

**Opening Prayer:** Peter Vogt

**Closing Prayer:** Isabella Bailey

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Hann