

**St. Michael's Church  
Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for 11/07/17**

**Members present:** Father Jeff, Peter Vogt, Terry Clark, Lee Lauster, Chris Hasseler, Joe Loson, Bridget Mann, Pauline DeCann, June Sherman, Gina Porter, Henry Hann, Carlo Stebbings

**Members absent:** Tere Murphy, Isabella Bailey, Joe Malach

**Opening Prayer:** Henry Hann

The minutes from October 3, 2017 were approved

- **Pastor's Report (complete report included with the minutes)**
  - Father Jeff reviewed the September financials. September collection was up from last year. We are hopeful that this is a positive response to the budget deficit that was presented in the annual report. There will be an update in a future bulletin
  - The Council gave positive feedback to the Christmas letter Father sent last year and supports having a similar letter sent this year.
  - Feedback from changing the birthday/anniversary recognition from each Sunday mass to once per month has been generally fine.
  - 36 people attended the first Euchre Night. The feedback was very positive. Lots of fun – and lots to eat
  - It was determined that all photos are now gathered and ready to be displayed
  - Greeters – Please be sure to check the schedule. Try to find a replacement if you cannot attend your scheduled Mass. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass so that you can greet parishioners as they arrive.
- **Advent Activities – Journey to Christmas: Encounter the Word Made Flesh**
  - Carlo distributed a draft calendar of activities relative to the Christmas season beginning December 2 and ending January 8. There is a desire to reach more families and to

engage the entire parish. The draft calendar was strongly supported

- **Upcoming Events:** The following events were noted
  - Holy Hour -Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm
  - Apple Pie Bake – Nov. 18
  - Harvest Basket Raffle - Nov. 19
  - Thanksgiving Day Mass – Nov. 23 at 9:00 am
  - Church Cleaning – Dec. 2 at 9:00 am
  - Advent Penance Service – Dec. 9 at 11:00 am
- **New Business**
  - Parish Festival – There will be a meeting of the Festival Committee on December 4. In January there will be an open meeting regarding the Parish Festival in order to recruit additional people to help with the festival.
  - Regional Planning Meeting with the Diocese. The next meeting will be on November 29, 7:00 pm at St. John’s in Clyde. Beginning in January regional group meetings will take place that will include representatives from the Financial and Pastoral Councils, Financial Officers and Pastors. There was an extended discussion of the intended purpose and outcome of the regional meetings.
- **Questions/Concerns by Council Members**
  - For the most part administering the sacrament only in the front of the church has gone well.
- **Closing Prayer:** Pauline

**Next Meeting:** December 5, 2017 at 6:30

**Opening Prayer:** Theresa McCue

**Closing Prayer:** Bridget Mann

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Hann