

St. Michael's Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 10/03/17

Members present: Father Jeff, , Peter Vogt, Terry Clark, Lee Lauster, Theresa McCue, Chris Hasseler, Joe Loson, Bridgit Mann, Pauline DeCann, June Sherman, Gina Porter, Joe Malach, Henry Hann

Members absent: Tere Murphy, Carmella Owen, Isabella Bailey

Opening Prayer: Gina Porter

The minutes from September 5, 2017 were approved

- **Pastor's Report**

- Father updated the Council relative to changing the dollar amounts on the front of our collection envelopes.
 - Determining the cost of changing the amounts is in process. We learned that most parishioners leave the amount blank on the envelope
 - Many parishioners give an amount not on the envelope. They do not feel confined by the amount listed on the envelope
- Father attended a meeting of the Diocese with Wayne County Pastors and Finance Directors regarding planning and opportunities for collaboration.
 - At this point there have been no expressed intent to order that anything in particular be done
 - Exploring ways to share and collaborate
 - Not looking at closing anything
- Exploring options for future decisions of the school are tied to any decisions made by the Diocese related to collaboration
- Father would like our parish to convene an ad-hoc committee to conduct a needs assessment regarding space we need in order to provide our programs in the future. This will inform future decisions relative to the school
- We will continue to use rooms in the school for our current programs. Currently we have a need for about 4 rooms.

- Approximately 40 people attended Holy Hour. Feedback has been positive.
- Attendance at the Feast Day Celebration was down from last year. However, feedback from those who attended was positive
- **Upcoming Events:** The following events were noted
 - Rummage Sale – Opens to the public on October 10. Open to parishioners after masses on October 8/9
 - Euchre Night - November 4 at 6:30 in the church hall. It is a tournament format. Limited to 48 participants. Details will be in the bulletin.
- **New Business**
 - Gina has purchased an additional picture frame and will be making arrangements to obtain any pictures needed of Parish Council members.
 - Due to the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion combined with the numbers in attendance at Saturday/Sunday masses, in the near future the sacrament will be administered only in the front of the church. Communication of the change will happen soon. Arrangements to provide assistance for those who will be affected by this change will be made
- **Questions/Concerns by Council Members –**
 - There was a discussion and clarification of when to stand following of the priest washing his hands during the mass
 - There was a general discussion of alternatives to the current way the gifts are brought to the altar
 - There was a general discussion regarding alternatives to the way the collection is brought to the altar at the 4:30 and 8:15 masses.
- **Closing Prayer:** Christine

Next Meeting: November 7, 2017 at 6:30

Opening Prayer: Henry Hann

Closing Prayer: Pauline DeCann

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Hann

