

St. Michael's Parish
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 9/4/18

Members Present: Father Jeff, Carmella Owen, June Sherman, Lee Lauster, Isabella Bailey, Joe Malach, Peter Vogt, Pauline DeCann, Chris Hassler, Rosemary Strub, Bridget Mann, Terry Clark

Members Absent: Joe Loson

Opening Prayer: Father Jeff

June minutes were approved

Pastor's Report

- Annual Report – ARC finished printing last Friday. It will be mailed by bulk mail either same day or Tuesday morning. Copies will be made available in church after mailing is complete. Council agreed that we do not need to provide an “explanation” for the report verbally in church.
- CMA: our goal is decreasing by \$1,300. Our goal will be \$44,851. Number is affected by registered parishioners, collections, income. No intent to appeal, naturally.
- Status of St. Michael's School Building: The Housing Authority has withdrawn its intent to continue due to probable lack of funding. We have to evaluate options.
- Festival: Father Jeff and Bob Hegeman met with the mayor and an engineer, there is no way we can have the festival next year.
- Due to Main Street lack of parking next year, we may get the parking lot striped to maximize number of parking spaces. The way people park is not necessarily the most efficient way. Side parking lot may be temporarily designated as exclusively handicapped parking due to the same reason.

Wayne County Regional Planning

- The bishop gave a positive response to the currently proposed East/West cluster schedule (we would be with Lyons, Savannah, Wolcott, Clyde, Red Creek/Fairhaven). His council of priests recently approved it as well. We have to be prepared to start next June, but it may not start until later.
- We had hoped for more to take the survey – only 44 took it from our parish.
- Mass Schedules: In all scenarios, we lose our Saturday Mass, our parishioners would have the option to go to Lyons for a Saturday Mass. Our cluster would have two priests, and they would alternate between the two schedules, so all parishes have access to both priests. The Regional Planning group will figure out the Mass schedule, then public meetings will be held, then the bishop will make a final determination. All factors in all parishes have to be considered. Scheduling and dynamic changes will happen in all parishes.

- How will this affect collections/finances in the future? Sharing staff will be discussed.
- Discussions about daily Mass have not begun yet, we do not know where the priests will live. There will probably be a reduction (priests can only say two during weekdays)
- Nursing home Masses will not be affected, all will still happen once a month.
- Mass Intention schedule may be more condensed – coordination between secretaries will be needed. Meaning: praying for soul to be expedited through purgatory – NOT a birth/death anniversary celebration.
- Overall in the East Cluster: 9 to 7 Masses.

Updates/New Business

- We do not have a Faith Formation person yet, June is still doing it – she will not be attending all Masses as regularly. Volunteer help will be needed in case of emergency (Carmella at 10:30, Wanda at 8:15 and Lee at 4:30)
- Regional Pastoral Council Forums: The diocese is holding these three times (for free) in different parishes to educate council members about the role of the parish council, and how to accomplish those goals more effectively. Dates – 10/15, 10/22, 10/29.

Closing Prayer: Carmella Owen

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018, 6:30 PM, Church Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Malach