

**St. Michael's Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 06/06/17**

Members present: Father Jeff, Carmella Owen, Gina Porter, Peter Vogt, Susan Smith, Theresa McCue, Terry Clark, Lee Lauster, Chris Hasseler, Pat Albrecht, Isabella Bailey, Brian Donnelly, Henry Hann, Joe Loson, Joe Malach, Tere Murphy, Bridget Mann, Pauline DeCann

Members absent: Carmen Fantauzzi

Opening Prayer: Brian Donnelly

The minutes from April 4, 2017 were approved

Old Business

- **Pastor's Report**
 - Father Jeff presented the Pastor's Report for June 2017. The complete report is included with the minutes of the meeting.
 - Bishop has proclaimed Year of the Eucharist beginning June 18, 2017. Article will follow in Catholic Courier
 - Housing Authority was not awarded the grant they were pursuing. There is some other money available on the State level, and they are pursuing that avenue.
 - A new hire will be announced soon to fill the vacancy created by June's promotion
- **Parish Communication**
- **School Update**
- **Items for New Members and the coming year**
 - DOR Policy – distributed by email prior to meeting (council members completed their annual conflict of interest form)
 - Photos – pictures needed for new members to post in gathering space
 - Election of Officers
 - Chair – Carmella Owen
 - Vice Chair – Gina Porter
 - Secretary – Henry Hann

- Opening and Closing Prayer in the coming year – there was discussion about whether to change the format to help facilitate our meetings. No decision was made.
- Meeting Frequency
 - Consensus – Starting in September we will meet monthly with a goal that meetings will last approximately one hour
- **Event-a-month**
 - Proposed to have a Game Night in November
 - June – Festival
 - September – St. Michael Feast Day
 - October & April/May – Rummage Sale
- **Moving Forward**
 - Parish Logo – We currently do not have one.
 - Discussion of ways to increase faith participation. Currently we have a number of small Christian communities.
 - Most groups seemed to be more self-starter initiatives
 - We would like to have more of a planned roll-out of initiatives
 - Discussion of the need to bring ideas to future meetings
 - Discussion of follow-up to current initiatives. Do we check to see if participants stay engaged with faith?
 - Discussion of CMA and the challenge it puts on parish families
 - A suggestion to have healing masses

Closing Prayer: Joe Loson

Next Meeting: Sept 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Hann