

**Meeting Minutes for St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council**  
**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Members Present: Felicia Allen, Mark Allen, Meghan Bishoping, Mike Bradford, Deacon Jerry Campernel, Virginia Chadwick, Anne Marie Gherardini, Connie Gillette, Don Harris, Deacon Franz Hoffer, Elizabeth Manuszak, Bob Murphy, Tom O'Grady, Father Mike Quaine, Sue Rakowski, Carol Schroeder, Julie Watanabe

**Call to Order** –7:00 pm

**Opening Prayer** – All

**Minutes of previous meeting approved by Virginia Chadwick**

**Enrichment** – Discussion of Examen prayer as practiced through month of October (council members shared their experiences with the prayer); Prayer as a powerful framing device

**Pastoral Team Report**

Fr. Mike-Renovations of Father Tim's condo will wrap up this week; thanks to Knights of Columbus, Dave Kotal and Tom O'Grady for their assistance in front office renovation and everyone's patience during the process; social hall will be updated in the future

Deacon Franz-Advent books for parishioners (book for families, book on hope, book for kids); 11/3 Memorial Mass volunteer slots are filled; desire of worship commission to focus programming on young people and families (success of Trunk or Treat shows this is possible); ideas include: prayer and worship services during Lent after Road to Emmaus programming; continuation of kids' Thanksgiving mass; possibility of having kids help in decorating church for special masses (with Tom); teen masses; Parish Council has a responsibility to help focus Father Mike's pastoral vision by working with/encouraging other parish organizations; would like to see all parish organizations work on programming for youth; discussion of advertising for Thanksgiving Mass at next year's Trunk or Treat; grandparents as an important vehicle for youth programming (many grandparents drive children and help family values towards church); calls on all PC members to think about young people/family programming ideas; Deacon is stepping down as Chair of Worship Commission after 4 years; Father Mike will appoint someone in the near future; AOD is going to require parishes to put together liturgy planning teams to write Commentaries and Prayers of Faithful, which will put "new blood" into the process; useful to have someone with new ideas to take Worship Commission over; Worship Commission now has 12 members (had 3 members when Deacon started as Chair)

Deacon Jerry-deferred to Deacon Franz

Tour of Front Office (led by Tom O'Grady)

**Old Business**

**Commission Reports**

- Stewardship: No report
- Worship: Deacon Franz stepping down, will stay through Easter to advise, many accomplishments under his guidance. He gave the information during his report time.

- Christian Service: Gleaners phone number needs to be available; Krafty Korner is November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; Christian Service Cookbook is available for \$5.00 (proceeds will go to Ladder Fund); Christian Service members are meeting once a month to sew heart pillows and tote bags for SKIP (Supporting Kids in Pain); representatives of the commission will be volunteering at the Parish Memorial Mass; currently work is being done on tags for Giving Tree; Mercy in Action Day follow-up (people worked at the Carmelite motherhouse, cutting brush and sprucing the place up); members are also making mats and packing bags for the homeless)
- Christian Education: Sacred Parenting is continuing into early November (40 people involved with program); working on planning for Children's Liturgy; 2 new catechists in the program; planning on a parish Advent Prayer Clock
- Evangelization: Trunk or Treat was a success (612 kids participated; lots of positive comments); would like to include literature on Thanksgiving Liturgy at next year's event; proposed ideas for future events (Valentine's Day Dance, Christmas play, teen-dedicated Mass)
- Youth Representative: Halloween-themed cruise was done with other teen groups (8 kids participated from St. Michael); Pointsettia sale coming up in December; 60 boxes of food will be packed as part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive; Confirmation is November 5<sup>th</sup> and members of the Youth Group will be participating in the mass; Elizabeth shared the plastic mat project that she has been participating in (hope is that we can collect bags for this project and work with youth group in January)
- Vicariate Representative Report: Coffee and Donuts - November 17 with Krafty Korner; Dr. Dan Gerlach, speaker from Sacred Heart Seminary, discussed the seminary; **Adventures in Discipleship** shows how we can be more like the disciples; each parish is to have their own plan for "Unleashing the Gospel"; Trunk or Treat info shared; discussion of "how do you approach the sadness of closing a parish"; Need to find a way to brainstorm online; November 11th is next meeting

**New Business-** Memorial Mass volunteers are all set; send out readings with the agenda for discussion on 3rd of December (this will be the 2nd Sunday of Advent)

**Closing Prayer – All**

**Next Council meeting will be Tuesday at 7 pm.**

**Adjournment – 8:45 pm (estimated)**