

Meeting Minutes for St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, June 2nd (Pending Approval)

Members Present: Felicia Allen, Mark Allen, Meghan Bishoping, Mike Bradford, Virginia Chadwick, Connie Gillette, Don Harris, Franz Hoffer, Elizabeth Manuszak, Pat McGinnis, Bob Murphy, Father Mike Quaine, Carol Schroeder, Julie Watanabe

Call to Order –7:03 pm

Opening Comments/Prayer – Meghan

Minutes of previous meeting- approved by Carol, seconded by Pat

Pastoral Team Reports

Fr. Mike: Pastoral team will be meeting in the next couple weeks; Thursday evening mass has been temporarily halted as we work through reopening of church; 9:30 weekday masses continue-about 10 people for weekday masses

Deacon Franz: Attendance at last week's masses-40 parishioners at 4:30, 38 parishioners at 8:00, 28 parishioners at 9:45, 18 parishioners at 11:30 mass; working out the logistics of the mass and sanitization before and after masses; hoping for a moderate increase in attendance over time so we can continue to tweak the system; hoping to have an outdoor mass later this summer

Old Business

- **Parish Council Representatives for 2021**: Meghan has declined option to stay on an additional year; Carol and Julie are willing to stay on an additional year, if necessary; discussion about whether bylaws have to be changed if PC members extend their terms (Father Mike has authority to extend terms without changing the bylaws); we'll talk about this again once nominations come in, based on whether we need Parish Council representatives

Commission Reports (reports only given if there are updates)

- Christian Service: report sent out to Parish Council prior to meeting; Knights of Columbus proud to give \$2000 scholarships to two high school seniors in the parish (Natalie Harris and Jonathan Wilk); virtual cereal drive 5/18-6/8 (childrensdmc.org/cerealdrive); virtual 5K on 8/29 for Families Against Narcotics
- Evangelization: new AOD initiative (grouping 3-5 parishes to free up pastors' time to pursue spiritual work)-trying to address the priest shortage and need to share parish resources; details of the plan are still not fully released (there are a lot of questions); concern about how this will be enacted and the practical effectiveness of plan; missionary strategic plan is on hold until parishes are formed into families (of 3-5 parishes) because the families of parishes will make decisions about the strategic plan
- Youth Representative: virtual youth meetings (5/8 was a photo scavenger hunt; 5/22 was a trivia game)

New Business

- **New Vice-Chair and Secretary:**
 - Review of duties (Vice Chair transitions to Chairperson in third year; Chair prepares meetings, helps communicate with members of Parish Council, handles nominations for Parish Council)
 - Nominee for Vice Chair: Dillon (nominated by Deacon Franz); accepted by Dillon (Thanks, Dillon!)
 - Nominee for Secretary: Don Harris generously volunteers to serve (Thanks, Don!)
- **MCREST Bottle Drive:** Bottle returns open up across Michigan on June 15th; coordination will take place with Christian Service; question about bottle storage; Don hopes to coordinate with local stores to help expedite the process
- **Coffee and Donuts:** Julie is going to type up notes on how to organize/host coffee & donuts to send to Pat and is willing to come in and help whoever it takes over when it is reinstated (may be later in the fall)

Round Table-some confusion during 11:30 mass about the logistics of communion (which way to walk once communion is received)-further communication with parishioners is encouraged; donations to parish library are welcome (talk to Deacon); thank you to Meghan for chairing Parish Council

Closing Prayer – All

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 1st

Adjournment – 8:16 pm