

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council

February 9, 2009 Minutes

Attendees: Fr. John Fischer, Brian Bisig, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Jim Konves, Tom Jansing, Scott Hungler, Susan Bailey, David Doyle, Jason Sauer

Fr. John presented his pastor's report. Attendance was taken during Christmas Masses this year. 3:00 was very crowded. Celebrated First Reconciliation with the school (12/15) and religious education (1/12). Overall for Dec-Feb (to date) there was a net increase of 4 families to the parish. Fr. John is currently working on Administrative and Personnel policies and preparing for Confirmation and 1st Pastoral visit of Archbishop Schnurr to the parish. He is finalizing the Lenten and Easter schedules and preparing for a three month sabbatical. There will be a parish reconciliation service on April 6 at 7:00 PM. We will reschedule the April PPC meeting as a result.

Brian Bisig reported that because some Eucharistic ministers did not sign up for Masses on Holy Days some communion stations were eliminated. Fr. John explained that it is against Church law for an Extraordinary Minister to serve in multiple roles during a single Mass. 15 new people have expressed interest in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A volunteer coordinator may be required to assist with scheduling servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A retreat day for all liturgical ministers is being discussed. The choir is preparing for their trip to Austria and Germany. Approximately 46 people are travelling.

Scott Hungler announced a spending freeze due to a \$30,000 projected budget deficit for 80/09 fiscal year. The festival committee has begun working under co-chairs Tom Theis and Pat Longo. More members are needed. The Maple Street house will be torn down. Funding for the project may be tied into the festival raffle. Construction to prevent future flooding should begin in the next month by the MSD, pending approval by the Archdiocese. An appeal to the parish related to the capital campaign and general contributions is being planned for late March.

Deacon Ken DeHanes reminded us of the Tatiana concert on March 25. Flyers are available in the gathering space. It is important to have at least 300 in attendance. Two additional workshops for the Decree on Child Protection will be offered in Spring in anticipation of new coaches/volunteers involved in sports and other youth activities.

Susan Bailey reported on Discernment plans for 2009. Discernment will occur on one evening rather than three as in the past. A ministry fair is being planned for April 25/26. The gathering space, assembly hall or outdoors, weather permitting, are all options. Scott will look into donations of food/drink for the fair. PPC and commission members should attempt to get at least two people to attend the ministry fair and possibly discernment.

Brian Bisig gave an update on ideas being generated for the parish's 90th anniversary. New ideas were discussed and Brian will send the complete list to all members for further thought. A second meeting will be scheduled to continue discussions.

Jim Konves presented the new video showing the different facets of life at St. Michael. The video, created by Tara Koch, may be used during the ministry fair and other times the parish is gathered. If possible the video will be loaded onto the website.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting has been moved to March 30th due to a conflict with the parish Lenten reconciliation service. Meeting will begin with Evensong at 7:00 in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Sauer