

## **St Michael Parish Pastoral Council**

**December 14, 2009**

Attendees: Fr. John Fischer, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Brian Bisig, Lori Anne Fothergill, Scott Hungler, Tom Jansing, Diana Gloyd, Alan Heilers, Susan Bailey, Bob Letourneau, Jason Sauer

Fr. John led us in an opening prayer and presented his pastor's report. Fr. John's sabbatical is all set. He has arranged for sacramental coverage during the three months he will be gone. Fr. John plans on leaving by late December and will be back by the beginning of April. Fr. Len Fecko will be the administrator during the three months Fr. John is on sabbatical.

Deacon Ken presented his report and commented that we have 10 RCIA participants. The next class on Child Protection will be the second week of January 2010.

Scott Hungler answered some questions on the planned debt reduction program. We will hire a fund raising firm to help. The fund raising campaign will last 9 weeks. We need \$488,000 to retire out debt. Currently funds raised to pay off our debt are not taxed by the Archdiocese.

Lori Anne presented her Youth Faith Formation report. Lori Anne discussed the Archdiocesan Policy on having 3, 4, & 5 year old students fill out a form on "People Who Care For Me". Lori Anne indicated that some training of the teacher for this form in the future would be helpful. It is difficult to decipher what a 3 year old is trying to tell you with a drawing. Everyone complemented Lori Anne on Fr. Norm's handling of the introduction of the first communion students at the 11:30 mass last Sunday. The REPs are doing a great job of getting funds thru their "Pennies for Pigs" program.

Tom congratulated Brian on the wonderful music at the 90<sup>th</sup> university mass. Brian commented on the different groups that came to the various 90<sup>th</sup> university celebrations.

### **Old Business**

We need to find a replacement for Bob as secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council. Since no one volunteered during the meeting, Jason will ask Brenda if she will accept this role.

Discernment leadership. Susan will not have time to lead the discernment effort in 2010. Susan brought up the idea of doing a Time & Talent search in lieu of discernment in 2010. This idea was favorably discussed and Jason, Scott and Susan agreed to pursue it.

What and how often should the Parish Pastoral Council communicate with the Parish. Fr. John reminded us that the principal role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to advise the pastor. We should only address the Parish when we have something important to communicate. Jason will discuss this subject with Jim to see where we should go with this subject.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Letourneau