

## **St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council**

### **December 6th, 2010 Minutes**

Attendees: Fr. John Fischer, Jim Konves, Susan Bailey, Brian Bisig, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Alan Heilers, Scott Hungler, Tom Jansing, Brenda Kuhr, Diana O'Hara & Jason Sauer.

#### **Reports:**

Father John's Report: The meeting opened with Father John's report. There have been 6 funerals, 8 baptisms and 6 weddings in the parish. There have been 8 new households, while we lost 19. (one deceased, nine moved without forwarding addresses, four moved out of state, and others to Columbus, Lebanon, Loveland, Mainville, and Monroe, Ohio). The October count was slightly up this year with average attendance at 1363.

Recently PPC nominated Fr. John for Dean. PPC had requested Fr. John provide some information on what this position entails. The Dean represents a section of the Archdiocese. It is an appointed job and in the Cincinnati area, the Dean can serve two terms. He is responsible for interfacing with all priests in the area and passes along any information necessary. Fr. John was appreciative of the nomination but is not actively seeking the position.

There are two changes coming in January.

- 1) Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, all checking accounts under St. Michael's EIN must have 2 signatures. This is not a result of any misdeeds in the parish, just a precautionary measure.
- 2) Starting January 13<sup>th</sup>, all collections at mass will be sealed in a tamper proof container before it is brought forward and put into the safe. Again, this is being implemented as a safety measure.

There have been two recent issues with the Athletic Boosters where Fr. John was asked to intervene. The first involved inappropriate language by a coach at an athletic event. The second involved a letter signed by the coaches where the name of "St. Michael's Parish" was used. In both cases Fr. John was satisfied with Booster's handling of the resolution. The Boosters are working on New Standing Operating Procedures and the draft will be presented to the Pastor.

Commissions Meetings are published in the bulletin. Father needs to know if the meeting is changed for any reason and when it has been rescheduled. Copies of all of the minutes need to be sent to him. Additionally, meetings cannot be off of parish property without consent as the liability increases.

The Health and Wellness Committee typically does screenings in the Ministry room. Another location for the screenings is being considered.

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> the Mass Intention will no longer be announced before the weekend Masses. We will continue to publish the Mass Intention, which is only the intention of the Bishop/Priest Celebrant and not the intention of the community. Publication nor announcement of the intention is not required by Canon Law.

In mid-January, PPC will meet and Fr. John will re-sponsor the PPC and the PPC team will begin to write a new charter. After the initial period, the PPC will be re-sponsored and re-chartered every year as new members are commissioned.

Deacon Ken's Report: Classes for RCIA started on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with 4 people signed up. There are several Community Outreach Initiatives, such as the Mass and sacrament of the sick at Brookwood and Cottingham, twining with Queen of All Saints Parish in Kentucky, and parish volunteer opportunities. The Giving Tree was erected on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The last class for the Decree on Child Protection was November 9<sup>th</sup> with 4 attendees. The next one is scheduled for January 2011.

Youth Faith Formation Report (Lori Anne): PEP has a new coordinator, Patti Hoffman. They are going to open enrollment after the first of the year. REP has a new "buddy" program this year where each classroom will buddy up with another classroom and get together once a month to share what they are learning. The High School program had 19 teens at the first Adoration/Lock In. They have also been busy with fundraising for their summer mission trip. At all masses this past weekend, the students who are preparing for their First Communion received their pins and passed out their Pray for Me cards. Confirmation meetings for candidates and parents have been completed.

Worship Report (Brian Bisig): There was a large number of parishioners who attended the All Souls Day Memorial Mass. There was also a sizeable number of participants at the Thanksgiving Day Mass, where there was a special procession where everyone brought gifts of canned food to the alter. On Friday, the Advent Choral Concert took place. This, too, was well attended. Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The money earned will be combined with last year's money to buy a digital piano for the school music classroom. The Christmas Mass schedule has been mailed to parishioners.

Education Report (Jody Ferrell): The school year began with 418 students but 5 have since left for various reason. However, we have added 3 new students, including one exchange student. The results from the Iowa Tests are back (grades 2, 4, 6 and 8) and will be sent home to parents in December. Due to a computer virus, all 98 computers in classrooms were replaced because the anti-virus software did not work on them. They will now be using Windows XP.

Finance Report (Scott Hungler): The rectory will be repaired and put up for sale. Scott also gave an update on the Debt Reduction initiative: The loan of \$488,000 is now down to \$255,000.

Discernment Update (Jim Konves): Jim proposed to the members an idea for PPC to meet their desire to have a parish project. The idea is to conduct a parish/school wide effort to tap parishioners for time, talent and treasure. This would also help with the dilemmas of

discernment needing a refresh, parishioners needing to feel more like a community and school students needing service projects for accreditation. The campaign would be marketed through the bulletin, flyers in the gathering space, school, and Mass. Council and staff will think about the pros and cons of this idea and we will discuss it further following the development of our charter.

Other: The next meeting was changed from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30. The meeting to discuss the charter and sponsorship will be held on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana O'Hara