

Pastorate Pastoral Council- Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

St. Michael's the Archangel Meeting Room @ 7 p.m.

Members Present:

Fr. John Ruffo, Sr. Susan Engel

Church of the Annunciation: Kimberly Lavalley, Jennifer Nezzio, Shaun Rutherford

St. Clement Mary Hofbauer: Christine Kline, Barbara Murphy, Ben Romero, Jim Bucker

St. Michael the Archangel: Dennis Boland, Mary Dohmeier, Belkys Pinzon

Members Excused:

Elizabeth Goral-Makowski (St. Clement Mary Hofbauer)

Lizzette Vargas (St. Michael the Archangel)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with Fr. John Ruffo leading the prayer.

AGENDA:

1. **February 22, 2022 Minutes-**

Everyone received copies of minutes in email. The council meetings can be found on the MAC website. Minutes were accepted.

2. **Pastorate Pastoral Council (PPC) Membership Roster**

Passed out current updated roster. If something changes with your address, email address or telephone number please notify the Christine (President) so that she can notify Amy in order to keep the list current.

3. **Advocates for organizations**

Some people have sent in what programs they want to advocate/represent. Some confusion about what is actually required for advocates. This was Fr. Timothy's idea. We need to look at the list and what groups still exist and decide how to proceed.

Barbara advised this use to be at St. Clement's and explained that in the past you attended to at least one meeting per year to introduce yourself to the groups and tell them anything that the group would like to bring to council they can come through them.

Fr. John thought placing notification in the bulletin was a better idea than on website since we don't have a lot of people going to the website.

Taking pictures of the group that can be at entrance of church. Sr. Sue will reach out to Richard Yinger to come to the April 19, 2022 meeting. Dress appropriately. Poster with names to be made and placed in front entrance of all 3 parishes.

Do committees still exist? We need to finish organizing this list so we know what ones are in operation. If you know anyone in the groups tell them who you are and that you are there for them.

Shaun brought up concerns about too much work. Fr. John said this was a Fr. Timothy idea and the new pastor might look at the idea. Shaun recommend that we don't have advocates for groups but we let the entire parish know who the 3 representatives are for each parish and that anyone can come to us with concerns or suggestions and we would bring to the council.

Mary- When picture is completed we need to make sure everyone in the parish knows you can go to anyone in any parish about any issue.

Belkys- Wants support and communication from priest when it comes to activities being set up. Communication is a huge key.

4. Maintenance & issues specific to individual parishes

Fr John and Christine decided to leave this on each month in case anything needs to be brought up or to our attention.

St. Michael- Nothing

Annunciation- Driving down McCormick Ave will see sticks with flags on them and dirt holes. The State of Maryland is taking property from Annunciation to take the curve out of the road. Tress are being planted by Craig Satorie. Right now we have a \$400.00 a month lawn care bill.

St. Clements- Barbara: Members mentioning chapel is not open. Mediation yard is not open because fence is always locked. What can we work out to have one of the gates left open so people can go into the chapel? Suggestion is to open the back gate for members to come into the chapel. Mediation yard is only open on Sunday's. Keys are held by Garry and Fr. John. Suggestion- Chapel would be open M-F from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ben will talk to Garry to advise him of the parish council decision.

Any decision what the parish is doing with the Apartment. Fr. Timothy had ideas about someone using it but not sure. Dennis asked if priest rent things out but the apartment is not finished. Sr. Sue asked if it was even legal to rent because you need permits. Previously used for offices/classrooms.

Barbara- Friday night continued on with the little disciple program (Group of kids that come together to play games, do an activity, feed them). Reached out to former students.

Received a call from Boy Scout Troop #303 that showed up to help with the students (K-5). Meets 2nd Friday of each month.

5. Social Media contact

Margaret Brogden was going to handle.

Sr. Sue suggested we create a document and work with Amy to figure out the social media/website for the MAC.

If you have additional ideas or thoughts send to Christine Kline and she will discuss with Amy.

Dennis brought up bringing all Facebooks pages together for all 3 parishes. The MAC website www.macpastorate.org calendar doesn't update it is always behind. Keeping website up to date is a real challenge.

Conversation we have with Amy is an understanding with how technology is working with the pastorate for all 3 churches. Finding a tech person to go into website and update information. Chris Kline- Keeping websites up to date is a real challenge. Dennis made a recommendation to put something into the bulletin with request for assistance (maybe someone from parish or youth group would be able to assist).

Christine - we need to know what's happening first so that will be discussed with Amy and reported out at our next meeting.

6. Update on Youth Ministry

Pushed to next meeting to be reported by Nikki Lux.

Barbara- Edge Program (Middle School Religious Education program meets 2 Sundays per month) meant past Sunday and confirmation this Sunday. Program continues to go on.

Sr. Sue asked about Margaret's computer- is it owned by the parish or personal computer. We need to find that out. Sr. Sue made a recommendation that for parish owned computers we should have passwords locked up in the parish safe. Barbara to check with Nix about any luck.

7. Update on Synod listening sessions (Use SYNOD REPORT)

Sr. Sue reported out. Had first meeting on 3/13/2022 @ St. Michael's with 47 people total (1- St. Francis of Assisi, 6 Annunciation, 2 St. Clement, 38 St. Michael's). Jen Nezzi & Sr. Sue organized session. Gratitude to Fr. John, Deacon John, Rich Olkowski who spoke to masses

promoting attendance and stated the Synod purpose. 7 Small groups focused on 3 questions: Joys, Sorrows, Future hope.

Practical suggestions:

- * Find ways to reach youth
- * Allow married priests
- * More opportunity for spiritual events
- * Listening & including more to varied groups
- * Coresponsibility, clergy, laity
- * Change rules for divorce & remarry communion

The Spanish Community held 1 session with leaders/ministers in the community. Approximately 8 were on Zoom meeting.

Saturday March 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. general session to be held in St. Michael's gym.

Sr. Sue will be attending a meeting on 3/29/2022 to discuss how to organize the data obtained from the Synod.

Dennis doesn't want the report to be fluffed down too much

Mary- Sr. Sue presentation at beginning of Synod helped people not have a complaint session.

Belkys- Minister wanted to do a try out- Time was an issue was scheduled 9-12 and what happen they needed to request another hour because they couldn't complete it. Scripture and song to go into a question. Depends on the audience they have.

Barbara- Don't count on the confirmation class to participate because they will be heading to the 12:00 p.m. mass.

8. Open Forum

Fr. John- John Micciche would like to bring parish welcome packets back. Fr. John would like to create a subcommittee so we are uniformed as a pastorate. Barbara suggested to pass out pamphlets in new developments. Dennis said St. Michaels use to have a welcome meeting once a quarter for new families. **Recommendation for committee:** Sr. Sue, Deacon John and Nikki Lux. Ben will look for welcome parish St. Clement's to start process.

Kimberly Lavalley- Respect life committee will not do bottles this year but envelopes. April 23, 2022- would like to talk at masses to explain why envelopes and not bottle. Throughout Mays collections all donations will go to adopting center.

Fr. John- At a meeting with the Archdiocese Kelly Reynolds informed him that they would be bringing a Glass Cross that goes around the dioceses and she wants to bring to Margaret Funeral so people can write notes and place into the cross and those notes will go to the family.

Dennis- Fundraising online- People don't know what 2nd collection is for each week so people don't know what to click on. Boy scouts collected 1,060 items at St. Michael's. St. Michaels will split collection and help fill the pantry at St. Clement's.

Fr. John- Spoke about new Fr. Benedict Abugu that will be helping out at the masses. Waiting on faculties before he can start with our masses (permission from Archbishop). Originally from Nigeria.

Barbara- When will the Eucharistic minister start receiving communion at the beginning instead of the end. Fr. John will leave as it until new pastor gets here.

9. Prayer leader volunteer for next meeting
Sr. Susan on April 19, 2022.

10. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. John

11. Meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m St. Michael's the Archangel Meeting Room