

St. Michael's Catholic Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2021 6:00PM

Pastoral Guidance: Fr. Christensen (Pastor), Fr. Fallgren (absent), Beth Strain (Parish Administrator—Cathedral)

Pastoral Council: Mike Peterson (Chair, PC term ends 6/20), Tanya Cooper (Secretary, PC term ends 6/21; Formation), Jeff Yeargan (absent)(PC term ends 6/22; Stewardship), Tom Neis (absent)(Vice Chair, PC term ends 6/21), Matt Pomarleau (6/22).

P.C. Committee Members: Fran Hengel (Finance Council)

Building Committee: Terry Sewell (absent), Leo Van Sambeek (absent), Larry Schulte (absent)

Finance Council: Matt Snyder (Chair, absent), Dale Gadbois (absent), Fran Hengel (Secretary), Levi Van Sambeek (Vice chair, absent) Lance Catron (absent)

Guests: None

Opening Prayer—Fr. Christensen

Call to order: 6:09 PM

I. Approval of Minutes

A.) Matt makes a motion to approve the Parish Council meeting minutes from March 9, 2021. Mike seconds. Motion carried. Parish Council meeting minutes from March 9, 2021 have been approved.

II. Finance Council Report

A.) Fran Hengel: \$100,000 in savings account, sound panels to be placed in the church hall and confessional have arrived.

III. Stewardship Committee Report

A.) Jeff Yeargan: nothing new to report.

a.) From Tanya: Two new families ready to be registered. More parish registration forms were added to the box at the entrance.

IV. Faith Formation Committee

A.) Tanya Cooper: Confirmation will happen Spring 2022 for 3 kids.

a.) First Communion: May 23rd, 2021 3 kids receiving First Communion.

V. Building Committee Report

A.) Classroom addition—Wick/Taylor: grade and easement too close, snow build-up could cause drainage

problems. Building is moved to south and west and entrance faces. 10-foot gap between existing building and new building. Roofline would be similar to the church, higher in center and classrooms' roof lower.

a.) Price could be \$450,000—wouldn't include any floor covering except stained concrete—ceiling would be vaulted—multipurpose area. Steel roof and steel siding, plywood underlying roof

b.) A wall to close off existing church hall but allow access to the existing bathrooms could be needed. Then the whole church would not need to be opened, just the addition. There will be three total entrances into the building with this plan.

c.) Question: Why is the new building not integrated into existing church?

d.) Next steps: 'case statement' to present to parishioners--why should we have a new building? Why is it a good thing, and why should the parishioner be on board with it?

1.) For the case statement—the space could be justified as being multipurpose. Other organizations, marketed correctly, could use the space: weddings, sports like pickleball. The space could be more of a community center, 'convention room with classrooms all along the sides, maximizing rental capacity—more than just faith formation twice a month. Could do Wednesday night faith formation.

B.) Sanctuary Garden--tabled

VI. Old Business

A.) Parish Vision Development: "St. Michael's parish is a humble, welcoming, generous family of faith. We are committed to serving others in love, to sharing the truths of our faith and celebrating the sacraments of our salvation. We seek to become, by God's grace, intentional disciples of Christ, who by word and witness share the joy of the gospel with others." This was the draft statement— with no feedback from any parishioners. Mike makes a motion to accept the Vision Statement. Matt seconds. Motion passed. Vision statement can be on bulletin, website etc.

B.) Black Hills Paha Sapa Celebration, classes of Christian Witness courses are happening, love Jesus, let the Holy Spirit guide your day.

a. Will do a fourth follow-up session as Catholics: the role of grace, act of faith, sacramental life.

b. Will do a five-week book study—Scott Hahn: Evangelizing Catholics, Curtis Martin, Dr. Ed Sri founders of FOCUS missionaries, the training of FOCUS missionaries, give their information, our future as Catholics.

C.) Tabernacle move: Mike makes a motion to move the tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary. Matt seconds. Next steps will be taken to move the tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary.

D.) a.) Other side could be closed up for symmetry and storage or remain open for additional pews. May need extra storage for items in the new building.

VII. New Business

A.) Parish re-registration: Google forms or JotForms will be made to encourage re-registration of parishioners. Form on website and made available in paper form. Mike will contact Ali about putting the form on the website. When the form is published, put in bulletin, put link out in an email, priest can announce form is available to update contact information of parishioners.

B.) Parish Council new members needed. Tanya Cooper (term ends 6/21 and has served 6 years), Mike

Peterson (term ended 6/20) and Tom Neis (term ends 2021)

VIII. Pastor's Comments: for Pastoral Council: no more than two terms, let Father know if you are open for a second term. Parish Council will generate two or three names of parishioners council members feel would make good parish council members. Fr. Christensen will contact those parishioners and appoint.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

X. Next Parish Council Meeting: May 11th at 6:00PM.

XI. Closing Prayer