

St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan
Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Parish Center Conference Room
MINUTES

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance: The meeting began at 7:10 PM with a reflection and discussion on the readings from Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion: Suffering with Integrity. Members present: Rev. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Finance Council rep.; Gary McMenamin, Chair and Education Commission rep.; Jerome Cipkowski, Worship Commission rep.; and Rocky Mercier, Christian Service rep. We welcomed Larry Lage, parish Head of Maintenance, to the meeting. Absent/Excused: Jerome Kunert, Grand Knight of the Pius X Council of the Knights of Columbus and Ciara Regan-Moore, Youth rep.

Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 8. We will conclude the document next month.

Review of the Minutes: Approved.

Ongoing Parish Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Next Building Committee project: Storage area on the west end of the parish center. Two bids were received -- \$108,000 and \$152,000. Both were considered too high. Other options will be explored. We also need to know what city building codes will allow us to do.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization: A second meeting of all Synod participants took place. Hundreds of comments from the Synod were reviewed for accuracy. A third meeting is planned before Archbishop Allen Vigneron issues his pastoral letter in June.
3. Status on parish church sound system/hearing loops: Delivery date for the new speakers is April 12th. We will wait until after Easter Sunday to install the equipment. Still need to purchase an ipad and component parts.
4. Progress on AED training workshop: Still trying to pin down dates for parish staff and parish leadership, including the Ushers and Knights of Columbus. The Catechists have been trained.
5. Final report on parish directory: The first draft had been sent to us for review and editing. A second draft was sent back to us with the corrections made. We did not know that it would be sent back to us a third time. The directory should be here by Easter, but this third review may delay it.
6. Coordinating fund-raising events on the parish master events calendar: A spirit-filled and successful meeting took place at the end of March. Reps were present from the parish staff, PPC, Ushers, K of C and ACWC. It was agreed to meet quarterly. Lori will provide the dates of collections mandated by the Archdiocese so as not to cause conflict. We have 15 fund-raising events that take place over a twelve-month period! How can we combine some of these?
7. Survey of interest regarding parish fund-raising and other events: Nothing to report.
8. Update on upgrade of church exterior doors and parish center middle doors: Larry Lage mentioned the progress that is being made on the doors. It is coming along well. 6 out of 8 church doors have broken hinges and need attention and repair. Automatic door openers will need to open both doors, as one door is too narrow for wheelchair access. Joe Demonaco will install new doors and frames in the parish center entrances.
9. Storage Closet in Classroom 1. Rocky Mercier is working on it this week. He should finish the rough work this week, but will need to consult those who will be using it to order and install proper storage shelves and accessories. Classroom 1, where the closet is located, will be operable when Christian Formation classes resume during Holy Week.

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10. Any other Old Business? None.

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. "Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit" stewardship awareness from the A o D: Fr. Nick gave a series of homilies during the Sundays of Lent that focused on Christian Stewardship: What is it? How does it affect my state in life? How does it impact my family? What should my financial and material sacrifice be? And how do I live out my call in service and ministry? People have expressed gratitude for this "teachable moment."

2. Update on parish on-line giving for Sunday collection church support: We are moving from Parish Soft to Connect Now, and this will impact our on-line giving. So far, 35 families are giving their church support on-line.

3. Amazing Parish follow-up: Hard to believe that a full year has gone by since the Amazing Parish workshop, attended by five people from our parish. After Easter, we will revisit this.

4. Vicariate Planning for the future (NOT Together in Faith, Part 3, but implementing the Synod Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Vigneron): The future viability of parishes will necessitate the sharing of ministry and services between parishes. Fr. Nick is working with Fr. Joe Gembala of St. Malachy Parish in Sterling Heights and with Fr. Bogdan Milosz of St. Faustina to see how this can happen between our three parishes.

5. Any other New Business? None.

Report of the Commissions: See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission

2. Education/Formation Commission

3. Christian Service Commission: Rocky Mercier reported that this year's mission trip to Appalachia will include ten people from St. Martin de Porres Parish and ten people from St. Michael Parish in Sterling Heights.

4. Evangelization Committee

5. Parish Finance Council

6. Youth Representative

7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative

OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI: Fr. Nick encouraged everyone to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Attendance at Monday evening Lenten Evening Prayer has been very good; about fifty people attend and pray each week. Some are coming from nearby parishes. People who work during the day are looking for prayer experiences in the evening. Stations of the Cross here is very popular for our retirees on Fridays at 3:00 PM.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Propose May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

EVALUATION OF THE MEETING: Moved quickly; everyone felt they participated.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting ended at 8:30 PM with our praying of the Stewardship Prayer.

Submitted by: Fr. Nick Zukowski