

**St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan**  
**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Parish Center Conference Room**  
**AGENDA**

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**

**Ongoing Formation of the Council:** From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 9. This concludes our reflection on the document.

**Review of the Minutes**

**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.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization
3. Status on parish church sound system/hearing loops
4. Progress on AED training workshop
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7. Survey of interest regarding parish fund-raising and other events
8. Update on upgrade of church exterior doors and parish center middle doors
9. Storage Closet in Classroom 1.
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1. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” stewardship awareness from the A o D
2. Observance of our parish 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary
3. Amazing Parish follow-up
4. Vicariate Planning for the future (NOT Together in Faith, Part 3, but implementing the Synod Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Vigneron)
5. Any other New Business?

**Report of the Commissions:** See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission
2. Education/Formation Commission
3. Christian Service Commission:
4. Evangelization Committee
5. Parish Finance Council
6. Youth Representative
7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative

**OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Propose June 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**EVALUATION OF THE MEETING**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Stewardship Prayer

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 25, 2017

Present: Agnes Smalkowski, Linda Samulski, Cheryl Ginzel, Jack Dauffenbach, Regina Falkowski, Claire Shaw, Joanne Mizak, Ruth Ceci, Renee' Heileman

1. Opening Prayer: "Pastoral Meeting Prayer"
2. Minutes from March meeting approved after following changes: 3.B. Linda worked with Judy to compare costs of Mass cards, and 5.E. Joanne completed the investigation of human trafficking programs.
3. Reports
  - A. ACWC: the group had no meeting on Holy Thursday, board meeting is this Friday, card party took place on April 20<sup>th</sup>, over 200 people attended and made \$1672, but still have a few expenses to pay.
  - B. Autumn Woods: No issues, having an extra minister for Communion Services has helped decrease the work load.
  - C. Bereavement: the ministry served 5 funerals in March and so far in 1 in April
  - D. Boy Scouts: they have 9 new boys, 2 more Eagle scouts, May 21 is Pancake Breakfast (informed that they could use St. Martin discount at Gordon's to buy sausage), Jimmy John baseball stadium may make a donation for baskets, they are still looking for donations for the fundraisers, several camping trips are planned for the summer. St. Martin Boy Scouts are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
  - E. Food Pantry/Food Collection: doing well, packing 3-4 boxes of food every week for Holiday Giving Program (HGP).
  - F. Funeral Lunch: on hold
  - G. Knights of Columbus: no report, the church bulletin reported that they did well on the tootsie roll drive
  - H. Parish Council: Storage closet in teen room completed, garage project is very expensive, looking into changing atrium into storage area for Christian Service.
  - I. Parish Nurse: one more month of armchair aerobics, trying to schedule a balance class in the fall (Renee' is now an instructor- class takes 2 instructors), we would like to plan a blood drive, it was suggested that tablets or lap top computers be brought to church vestibule to register donors.
  - J. Right to Life: We now have a new Pro-Life Supreme Court Justice, they will be selling carnations after every Mass on Mother's Day weekend, Knights will help sell, and money helps with education, awareness and assistance for mothers.
  - K. Stephen Ministry: Hoping for new candidates to become ministers next ministry year. Please inform office if you know of someone who needs a minister and Lori will contact Florence.
  - L. Teens: Prayed and played music during adoration on Holy Thursday and assisted at the Good Friday services. Geranium Sale is first weekend in May, Preparing for youth retreat in Steubenville. St. Cornelius dropped out leaving

- the cost of the bus to be covered by only St. Martin and St. Malachy. They are trying to get more teens to attend.
4. Old Business
    - A. Almsgiving: Checks and paper money have totaled almost \$2900 and there is a lot of change to be counted. Money counters will count this week. This money will support ministry to for the homeless. (Warming center, bus tickets, Ray of Hope day center, etc.)
  5. New Business
    - A. Funeral Brunch- hope to work on this summer and offer by fall)
    - B. AED/CPR- in May will start classes for groups. Parish staff will be doing BLS (basic life support) training on May 2. Would like to have AED's installed before the summer holidays.
    - C. Mission Trip: At this time we have 9 people from St. Martin going on the trip and 10 people from St. Michael going on the trip. Soon we will start the planning of details for the trip with St. Michael. The plan is to go as a united group involving the communities of both churches.
    - D. Ministry Fair- is planned for Sept 16 & 17. All ministries are asked to prepare displays and have volunteers man the tables after every Mass that weekend.
    - E. Renee' and Fr. Nick have been invited to a meeting/lunch for parish nursing by St. John/Providence on May 23, the date our last meeting was planned for. It was agreed that our meeting would be changed to May 30 at 12:30pm. Lunch will be served before the meeting.
    - F. Renee' asked that all ministers think about new ideas for next year. At the next meeting we will spend most of the time evaluating how Christian Service needs were met this year and plans for next year.
    - G. Renee' is planning on working with Joanne again next year to do another afternoon of reflection ending with Mass. Tentative date in Nov 11.
    - H. A storage closet has been built in the teen room. It is to be shared by Christian Service, Knights of Columbus and teens. Larry, head of maintenance is working with architects and contractors to price out transforming the atrium into a storage area for C.S.
    - I. Appalachian drive is May 21 & 21. Furniture and household items will be the primary things collected. Some clothes will also be accepted.
  6. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 12:30pm.
  7. Ended meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by R. Heileman RN

**St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan**  
**Meeting of the Evangelization Committee**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6:30 PM 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:** The meeting began at 6:40 PM with a reflection on the Gospel for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. How we can be salt and light to the world, and who has been that for us.

**Attendance:** Present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Chair, Marlene Kania, Maribeth Criscenti, Margery Fabilli, Joan Kozak and Ed Sobczak. Absent/Excused: Lucy Zalewa had a good medical report. Some shoulder muscle tissue was removed, but no shoulder bone needed to be removed! Richard and Lucy are grateful for our continued prayers.

**Ongoing Formation of the Council:** From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Chapter 2, Part 1: What is Evangelization? Part 2 next meeting.

**Review of the Minutes:** Forgot to include Margery Fabilli as Absent/Excused. The rest of the minutes were approved.

**Ongoing Parish Issues**

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Parish Synod: November 18, 19, 20, 2016: “Unleash the Gospel:”  
Fr. Nick explained why Parish Rep Suzanne Druzynski could not attend. Although he asked the Chairperson of the Synod 2016 Committee to send him future information, he was told simply to consult the A o D website!
2. Status on Pictorial Directory and Welcome Booklet: First galley copy of the pictorial directory is being proofread. Welcome booklet is still a work in progress.
3. The Journey to My Vocation – Fr. Nick, Sr. Pat (Deacon Marion?): Tabled until after Lent. There are two Lenten programs scheduled: Jeff Cavin’s Bible Study on Wednesday of Lent at 1:00 PM and a review of the papal encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si” on Thursdays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.
4. “Stump the Priest” – Catholic Q and A: “Why Do Catholics...?” Still in the running; still need to select a date and a venue sometime after Lent.
5. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” Stewardship Awareness Program: Fr. Nick will begin his presentations via Sunday homily, bulletin articles and pamphlets. Looking for parishioners to come forward to give witness to lives of stewardship.
6. Parish Bible study options: historical/exegetical/pastoral-spiritual: Little Rock, Renew, Alpha. Some interest in continuing the discussion group on Mary. See above notes. Fr. Nick passed on to Maribeth and Margery two possible Bible Study series. The sets can be ordered on a trial basis so they can be evaluated as appropriate.

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7. Amazing Parish Follow-up: Nothing has been done with this since three staff members and two parishioners attended last April. Fr. Nick will take this to the pastoral team for follow-up.

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. Homily for 4 Sunday January 29, 2017: Fr. Nick received a lot of positive feedback on his homily detailing his vision, hopes and dreams for the current year at St. Martin de Porres Parish. The content of the homily was so full, that the printed homily had to be re-read several times to appreciate the fullness of its message. It is ambitious, and does not cover all needs, but it is enough to fill the current year.

2. Any other New Business? Questions were asked if the pre-Synod experiences will be repeated post-Synod: Parish dialogue sessions, Salt and Light, Come, Encounter Christ, Awaken, etc. Fr. Nick does not know of any plans for these to continue post-Synod. A suggestion was made to continue these experiences. We will wait until Archbishop Vigneron announces his Post-Synod plans on Pentecost Sunday.

**Open Forum/Upcoming Events/FYI:** A parishioner, Kathy Forth, has suggested three web sites for folks to subscribe to. From Dynamic Catholic: Best Lent Ever; the Catechism in a Year; A Pope a Day. Fr. Nick will ask Kathy to join our committee.

**Schedule next meeting:** Propose Thursday, April 20, 2017, 6:30 PM in the parish center conference room.

**Evaluation of the Meeting:** As always, inspiring, hopeful, educational. Lots of spiritual sharing; like a mini-retreat every time we gather together!

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. with a prayer selection from “Prayers for the Domestic Church.” “Thank you Lord, for the Gift of Freedom.”

**St. Martin de Porres Parish, Warren, Michigan  
Combined Parish Finance Council  
and Stewardship Awareness Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 1:30 PM  
Parish Center Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**Opening Prayer/Faith/Sharing Experience:** The meeting began at 1:32 PM with a reflection on upcoming Easter Sunday Gospel: “Unbelievable Good News.”

**Attendance and Review of the Minutes:** Members PRESENT: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Chair; Jerry Cipkowski, Bill Edwards, Mike Garcia and Larry Lage. ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mike Kostrzeba. Minutes were approved with the capitalization of Bill Edward’s first name.

**Ongoing Education and Formation of the Council**

“Go and Make Disciples: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization” Section 5: Our Goals. We need to evangelize ourselves before we can evangelize others.

**Ongoing Parish Finance Issues**

**A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)**

1. Review monthly reports, review and approve budget for FY 2017-2018: We are grateful for the extensive monthly reports Dawn Peters sends us. Discussion on whether we should present a “floating budget” vs. only the Sunday collection support report. We will continue “as is.”
2. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” stewardship awareness update: 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.”
3. “Changing Lives Together” Parish Center storage addition: 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. We might enclose the inner garden patio surrounding the parish center hall, and use that for the storage area.
4. Church sound system: Bill Edwards and Larry Lage: Delivery date for the new speakers is April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will wait until after Easter Sunday to install the equipment. Still need to purchase an iPad and component parts.
5. Church doors and automatic openers update: Mike Garcia and Larry Lage: 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.
6. Update church marquee Sign: Fr. Nick will contact Dan Heileman after Easter.
7. AED for church and parish center: Mike Garcia: Still trying to pin down dates for parish staff and parish leadership, including the Ushers and Knights of Columbus. The Catechists are trained.
8. Sunday offering collection receptacles: Mike Garcia. Still working on product development. How can we create something that meets the eye when you enter church, but is discreet and blends in?

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9. Storage area for K of C, Christian Formation and FAM youth group: 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.

10. Any other Old Business? None.

### B. Issues for dialogue, sharing, reaction, proposing (New Business)

#### 1. Current Updates on other parish stewardship efforts

a. Catholic Services Appeal: 10% of overage to Ray of Hope Day Center: CSA 2016 was successful. We went over the parish target by almost \$1300! A check for the Ray of Hope Day Center, the coordinating office for the Macomb County Warming Center will be sent. Fr. Nick informed the Council that as of March 7, the CSA 2017 parish target is \$91,038 – a 16% increase over last year's target of \$78,444. He has sent an official letter of protest, asking that the parish target for 2017 be reduced by at least \$10,000. The CSA Target Appeals Committee is meeting this month, and will review the request.

b. Changing Lives Together: \$150,000 was spent on the two new church bathrooms, leaving us a balance in that account of about \$53,000. We are hoping to build our storage area for between \$53,000 and \$80,000.

c. Sunday Offering: 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. Our Sunday collections remain \$30,000 below budget.

2. Report from Parish Pastoral Council -- Setting new dates for the new master events parish calendar 2017-2018 and brainstorming to cut down on fund-raising events and conflicts: 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?

#### 3. Any other New Business?

a. Propose SCRIPTS fundraising: A suggestion was made that we consider the SCRIPTS fundraising program, through which local businesses donate a portion of receipts to a non-profit.

b. LED lights for the parish center hall, hallways and classrooms: While initially it will be expensive to buy the bulbs, after 5 to 7 years, they would pay for themselves.

c. Garbage receptacles/ash trays for the church entrances: What was purchased and installed turned out to be of inferior quality. We receive a store credit and will try again.

d. Needed repairs for water pipeline from parish center to Dearden St.: The pipes going from the parish center and under Dearden Street to the other side of the street needs major repair or replacement. It is 44 feet from the building to the sidewalk, another 15 feet to the street, and 40 feet across the street. Estimated costs are \$4,300 for the bare minimum, \$11,500 to back hoe, and \$16,900 to dig up the whole area and repair/replace. The nearby tree also needs to come down. All of this will be at our expense and is not covered by our property insurance.

**Evaluation of the Meeting:** Useful. Got a lot done.

**Schedule of Next Meeting and Assignments:** Propose Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 1:30 PM.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended at 3:45 PM with the Stewardship Prayer.

Submitted by: Fr. Nick Zukowski

**ST. MARTIN de PORRES**  
**WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2017**  
**Parish Center Conference Room**

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Jerry Cipkowski at 7:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Nick, Deacon Marion, Cindy Cairns, Jerry Cipkowski, Diane Budzinski, Dorothy Moon, Kathy Groth, Sue Kochanowicz, John McGovern, Pat Kaczmarek, Mary Alyce Gaffke, Mike Garcia, Jim Hostnik and Sister Pat.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Dan Mamuyac

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Approved

ONGOING EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION:

Fundamentals of Stewardship – Part Two. Nurturing our Family with Time and Love.

ONGOING PARISH LIFE

**a. Old Business**

1. The parts for our new sound system have arrived at the sound company, but are not yet on site. We hope to have them installed soon.
2. The dates for our Festival of Ministries has been changed to September 16-17 to be combined with the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our parish. Several organizations and volunteers will be working to make this a parish-wide event.
3. The overall evaluation of our Lent and Easter liturgical celebrations was positive. The homilies were inspiring. Larger crowds were present. Some practical issues regarding preparing the incense earlier, consecrating more hosts, and reminding the people that if the consecrated hosts run short, Jesus is fully present in the wine which has become the Precious Blood. A question was asked if 6 ministers are needed for the foot washing and Fr. Nick explained that they were.
4. The brainstorming meeting that was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the various organizations was very good. The group discussed ways that the various organizations could work together for parish wide events and keep the fund-raising events to a limit and scheduled over a period of time (not several close together). The group decided that more meetings for planning are needed and that the first event would be our parish's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 16-17. This will also be combined with our Festival of Ministries.
5. Other: (a) Based on our parish demographics, it is suggested that our evangelization focus be first on our Religious Education families and then on the household in our neighborhoods.  
(b) A suggestion was made that we periodically list in the parish bulletin the expenses the parish incurs for such things as heat, light, altar bread and wine, etc. so parishioners can better understand our financial responsibilities.

**b. New Business**

1. The Appalachia Mission trip will be combined with members from St. Michael's Parish in Sterling Heights and those from our parish. There are 20 people who have volunteered to be "missionaries," ten from each parish.
2. The Divine Mercy Novena is being recited on Monday through Friday at 6:30PM and is being led by Fr. Nick and Deacon Marion. There are about 35 people in attendance.



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3. The new welcome books are being printed by the Archdiocese of Detroit print office and should be available in mid-May. There was a delay in the Pictorial Directory delivery, but they will be available soon. Notice will be given when they arrive to those entitled to receive one.

4. As part of our parish's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will invite our newly-appointed regional moderator, Bishop Bob Fisher, to be the main presider at the 11:00 Mass.

5. Archbishop Allen Vigneron will be issuing a pastoral letter which he will compose after praying over and reading over all the consensus statements that were composed at Synod 16. That letter will give parishes the direction they are to go in following Synod 16.

6. Other: (a) There is a need for more opportunities for Bible Study classes and adult faith formation in our parish offered at different times to accommodate people's schedule. Some planning is already being done on this. Depending on who becomes the new director for the RCIA, some of that planning may become part of his/her responsibility.

(b) Our parish organ is 50 years old. John McGovern's organ recital is on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

### **c. Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations:**

1. First Communion celebration at the 11:00 Mass on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be 18 children.
2. May Crowning Procession on May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:45 AM followed by the 11:00 Mass.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Informative

Next Worship Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: Sue Kochanowicz

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:30 PM with a Synod 16 Prayer

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**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 McMenamain, 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**

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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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.
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10. Any other Old Business? None.

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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
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**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