

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
Parish Council Meeting
2/28/2011

Council members present: Steve Cunningham, Monica Kittock-Sargent, Joan Reed, Allen Koss, Laura Pitzen, Sandy Schultz, Joe Folz, Doug Sitzman, Tony Sasso
Others Present: Fr. Dennis, John Frank, Jeri Jolley

Convene: 7:00

Opening Prayer – Fr Dennis

Old Business:

- Update from John Frank and Pastoral Council discussion on decision by Fr Dennis and Trustees to contract with Catholic Finance Corporation to assist with building Financial and Pastoral Strategic plan. 3 year commitment. Dates are being established for joint finance and pastoral sessions and should be available for March Pastoral Council meeting.
- Update from Jeri Jolley and Pastoral Council discussion on recent Deanery meetings that have taken place to discuss options for centralized buying. Break-out groups looking into potential options for parishes to pool buying power for supplies & services. 12 parishes are part of local Deanery. Jeri is on one of the working teams and will be providing future updates as efforts develop.
- John Frank provided update on creation and initial seeding of Parish Maintenance Fund. Pastoral Council discussed and was asked to start developing ideas for future funding options. Item was tabled for future discussions
- Jeri Jolley updated Pastoral Council on new Centralized Accounting Service offered through the Archdiocese. Pastoral Council discussed current needs and associated expense. The consensus of the group was to continue with current volunteer service and monitor progress of the Archdiocese offering.

New Business:

- Year 2011-12 budget planning underway and required to be completed by June. Pastoral Council is asked to submit any specific direction to the Finance Council to ensure it is incorporated into next year plans.
- Pastoral Council discussed need to stay more informed on the actions of working committees within the Parish. Representation from the Pastoral Council has been assigned to each working group and each is being asked to bring updates to March meeting.
- Discussion amongst the group on updating Agendas and meeting meetings. Commitment was made to provide in advance of future meetings.
- Steve Cunningham asked the Pastoral Council to start developing ideas and thoughts on Parish Strategic Plan. Open discussion amongst Pastoral Council on examples. No action taken.

- Sandy Schultz discussed some insights she gained from recent work with other parishes in the Twin City Metro area. Parish Council discussed potential options of developing similar programs including an Angel Network designed to support those dealing with long term illness, grief, or loss and a Hard Hat Ministry which is a network of parish volunteers based on specific trade or technical skills. No action taken in this meeting.
- Monica Kittock-Sargent discussed some ideas regarding some potential parish events to help in building stronger parish community. Parish Dinner parties were one idea and stronger participation in events identified in the Catholic Spirit.

Next meeting: 3/28

Motion to Adjourn: Monica

2nd: Joe