

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes (to be approved)**  
**October 26, 2010**

The Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Steve. The meeting was led by Fr. Steve in the absence of chairperson (who arrived later).

Attendance: Jim Maurer, Diane Reichert, Diane Pleiman, Rusty Eilerman, Lynn Meyer, Danielle Brandewie, Brett Langenkamp, and Fr. Steve. It was noted that there was a Band Concert at FLHS this evening.

The pastoral council minutes of the September 28, 2010 meeting were approved with no corrections.

There were no corrections or additions to the October 26, 2010 pastoral council agenda.

Commission reports:

Building & Grounds Commission: Fr. Steve reported that the work on the Parish Office Center (new windows and heating system) was almost completed. The only other project left was the painting of the eaves, trip and porches.

Also, the Building & Ground Commission approved contracting with Well Brothers for snow removal on the church campus. There were two bids presented. By a majority vote, the lowest bid was accepted.

Education Commission: Rusty reported that both SM and SPP Pastoral Councils have accepted the proposal by the Education Commission to for the new high school religious education program.

Finance Commission: the Finance Commission will not meet until November. Fr. Steve handed out the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

Council Business:

The council members then discussed the Parish Mission Statement created in 2000. All agreed it was too long to be a mission statement. In the mission statement there were values that should be elsewhere for the parish (goals, etc.). There was some discussion as to having the whole parish vote on a mission statement. The general agreement of the council members was that the council should create the mission statement and then have the parish affirm it at some point down the road.

The council members came up with the following as the mission statement or at least the first sentence of the mission statement:

**WE, AS THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH OF ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACCEPT THE CALL TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS AND BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

It was agreed to further discuss this at our next meeting.

Fr. Steve then led an exercise that asked members to list 10 essentials to having a vibrant Roman Catholic parish. These are the results (not prioritized):

1. Gain participation and attendance at Mass
2. Fund charitable organizations

3. Provide avenues of learning
4. Begin participation at a young age
5. Having inviting masses, diverse, singing, no singing, language
6. Provide sacraments to all
7. Flexible and convenient times for masses
8. Organizations with a purpose
9. Education, youth and adult
10. Mass-meaningful
11. Liturgy, prepared, music filled, coordinated
12. Mission work, assisting local, national and world
13. Community, sense of belonging
14. Trained weekend ministers (lectors, readers, etc.)
15. Financial support
16. Youth Involvement
17. Well trained ministers
18. Good bulletin
19. Church participation
20. Community service
21. People respect the commandments
22. Good leadership
23. Vibrant youth group
24. Feeling welcomed
25. Being able to join a group
26. Strong core of volunteers
27. Welcome opposing views within reason
28. Having a vibrant priest
29. Having a good website
30. Community that share same goal
31. Committed to ongoing development of self, others, and parish
32. Active participation in activities and ministries
33. Active participation in sacraments
34. Open acceptance of others that share same core values
35. Committed to charitable and social concerns
36. Strive for eternal life thru daily lives
37. Good stewards of financial gifts
38. Good sacramental preparation
39. Good liturgies
40. Good adult formation
41. Strong outreach program
42. Everyone feels a member
43. Stewardship of time, talent and treasure
44. Planning for the future
45. Having enough resources to do what we need to do (i.e., new educational building)
46. Good leaders (Pastor, Staff, Lay)
47. Involvement of all ages

Discussion ensued. As we continue to develop the parish mission, vision, values and goals these types of exercises will be important.

The motion to adjourn was made. And after prayer, the meeting ended.

The next meeting will be January 25, 2011 at 7:30p at St. Michael Hall