**Saint Michael Catholic Church /Mount Airy, Maryland**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2018/ 7:00 to 8:30 PM / Room A-122**

**In attendance**: Father Mike, Donna Binney, Tricia Buckman, Melissa Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Bill Hammett, Laura Heck, David James, Carolyn Pasquino, Alyssa Smith, Juliana Webber, Joann Wozniak

**Opening Prayer**

Led by Donna Binney using the My Parish App

**Information Sharing**

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
2. Pastors Report – Father Mike distributed a printed Pastor’s Report. Highlighted topics include:
   1. Lent/Holy Week/Easter
   2. Evangelization
   3. Faith Formation
   4. Stewardship
   5. Service Justice
3. Business Manager’s Report - Donna Binney
   1. Physical Facilities Report shared
   2. Preschool Director interviews
   3. PR – mentioned in the Catholic Review twice recently
   4. Budget items due to Donna by April 15th

**Discernment/Discussion of Issues**

Review Action Items from March

* My Parish App – please remember to sign up and register (all)
* Music schedule publication? Please have liturgy committee discuss at next meeting.
* Father Mike was in agreement that we could have a high school youth member on the Pastoral Council. Juliana has a recommendation.
  + Could this person fill one of our vacant positions? Those vacancies are three year positions.
  + Or, a one year term would need to be written in to a revised charter.

Discussion of ***Rebuilt****:*

* List of items identified by authors as problems in church
  + An insular group that were clique-ish
  + Parishioners have a consumer mentality
* Do those issues exist at St. Michaels? What are our issues:
  + **Welcoming** aspect/committee
    - Do we have a committee? Is there a standard?
    - Staff procedure for welcoming
    - Rebuilt Conference (April 16 & 17)
    - Are we actively reaching out?
    - What is the perspective of newcomers?
  + Do we have a **consumer mentality** similar to what is mentioned in the book?
  + **Community**:
    - *The community at large (within the St. Michael parish boundary)*
      * Is the church known in the community?
      * We are not a drive by location.
      * Outreach?
      * Center of Community/town presence?
      * Located in a rural setting and within four counties, there are not the common types of activities that an urban parish with a school has which lends itself to a greater impact in the community.
    - *The St. Michael parish community*
      * Feeling part of the community?  Isolated? Unwelcomed?
      * Engaged in the parish community?
      * Is the community life growing and deepening spiritually?
  + **Volunteerism**
    - Addressing “willingness” to serve if they have indicated that they would like to serve.
    - Do we have clearly identified responsibilities to ministry leads? Job description for volunteers?
    - Is it part of recruiting?
    - Is there a lack of structure in the ministry leads/committees?
    - Why is there a problem getting volunteers? Ownership? Consumerism?
    - Are we progressing in our spiritual journey, growing as missionary disciples?  How intentional are we?
    - What hinders an individual from volunteering?
  + **Role of Staff in Lay Ministry**
    - Volunteer relations?
    - Organizational Vision Role of Staff
  + **Physical Plant/Signage** 
    - web presence, bulletin, social media- are we at a point where can move on from this and focus on the above concerns?

**Open Forum**

Donate button not easily identified on website. It was pointed out that there is a button across the top ribbon but it was debated as to whether or not it is easily seen or belongs with the social media buttons.

Brochures with prayer card inserts well received at Easter

**Next Steps To Implement Decisions:**

Revisit the Action items from March regarding:

* My Parish App
* Liturgy Committee consider sharing music schedule
* HS youth appointment

**Closing Prayer** led by Father Mike

**Next meeting date and time: May 2nd**