

Mission Council Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2021

Prayer Requests

Fr. Charles asked for and received prayer requests

Opening Prayer

Father Charles opened the meeting in prayer.

Members in Attendance

Sandy Rains, Jim Lawler, Rob Martin, Alex Maitland, Hugh Wilson, Cathy Cook, Pat Brandon, Deborah Carlson, Father Charles, and John Phillips

Neal Center Presentation

Sandy Rains made a motion to allow Lamont Adams to speak at our meeting. Alex Maitland seconded the motion. All members approved the motion. Sandy Rains introduced Lamont Adams from the Neil Center. Mr. Adams spoke about the center and how they offer free health services for those in need. He stated that they provide free vaccinations and other primary care services, make house calls, see people once a week at Fresh Start, and much more. There is a doctor on staff and no one is turned away. Father Charles asked about St. Michaels being a satellite office once a month. Mr. Lamont agreed to come visit the church to survey the Fellowship Hall to see if it meets the needs of the center. After Mr. Adams left the meeting, Sandy Rains made a motion to give \$1500, from the Endowment Fund, to

the Neil Center. Jim Lawler seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve this motion.

MC Covenant Review

Father Charles asked the group how we were doing with reading scripture and praying. He proceeded to tell us that a staff person overheard two MC members talking in the church out loud about whether this staff person's position is valuable or not. He reminded us that MC meetings are a more appropriate place to speak about these matters.

Approval of Minutes and Reports

Sandy Rains made a motion to approve the minutes and reports. Deborah Carlson seconded the motion. All approved the motion except for Hugh Wilson who abstained (he didn't attend the last meeting but wasn't abstaining because he objected to the accuracy of the minutes).

Post COVID SMAA

Father Charles began with a discussion about our bible study from the last meeting on Joshua Ch. 4. He asked the following question:

What is St. Michaels supposed to look like after COVID?

- Members suggested that we are supposed to take care of our tenured members.
- Create a Christian community with families from the ELC and the Family Service.
- Grow our online community presence.

Father Charles next asked us if we would be willing to read through the book [From Social Media to Social Ministry: A Guide to Digital Discipleship](#) by Nona Jones. After some discussion the group agreed to read the book. Father Charles asked the group to keep the following questions in mind while reading the book:

1. What stones of remembrance do we have to lay down to be able to follow God and covenant?
2. What do we need to hold on to from our past as we move forward following God?
3. What new things/tools do we need to make this happen?
4. Are we willing to do the things necessary to make these three things (above) happen?

Parish Audit

Jim Lawler made a motion to approve the 2020 Parish Audit. Alex Maitland seconded the motion. All members approved the motion. John Phillips discussed

the report and stated that everything looked good. He did say that the auditor did mention that we don't depreciate our assets. The report will be sent to the Diocese.

Evangelism and St. Anthony's Guild

Pat Brandon reported that Discipleships groups are doing well and some are even meeting in person once a month. She also stated that the St. Anthony's Guild is still looking for members. They plan to start October 1st.

Parish Life

The ELC would like to have a Trunk or Treat. They need volunteers from the congregation to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Deborah Carlson will check with Helen Kline to see what kind of candy is preferred. Also, Deborah will put a notice in the Guardian about the event.

Dial Building Project Update

Alex Maitland gave an update on the Dial Building Project. The discussion was tabled until Alex can get the architect to come and give us an estimate. Hugh Wilson will help with this. We will have a called meeting after church to discuss this matter further.

Endowment Project Review

Jim Lawler updated the group about this project. He explained the chart that he emailed and explained that the last five items on the list could be deleted. The top

three items are the Chapel Window, Church Windows software upgrade, and the HVAC system. After some discussion, it was proposed that we set up a reserve fund to save for this project.

Fundraising/Stewardship Update

Hugh Wilson reported that we have collected \$50,320 so far from pledges. He also reported how well the luncheon went last Sunday and thanked everyone who helped make that event possible.

MC Member Concerns

No member concerns were reported.

Adjournment

Sandy Rains made a motion to adjourn and Pat Brandon seconded that motion. All were in favor of adjournment. Father Charles ended the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carlson, Clerk