

St. Michael Parish Annual General Meeting May 6, 2018

Planning for Tomorrow – 2017 Report

Planning for Tomorrow had a very active year. There was a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of work to do. We meet 1x per month. These are some of the highlights of the year:

- First – a huge thank you to every one that brought Planning for Tomorrow to where it was at the beginning of 2017 – we acquired 6 lots right across from the church that were ideal for our growing parish.
- Planning for Tomorrow is made up of a Development Committee under this committee is a Design Group which is facilitating the new design of our building. We also have a Prayer Committee, Fundraising Committee, Communications Committee, and Finances.

Development Committee

- Met with the city several times in regards to by-law requirements as related to the new lots and re-zoning them to parking, they oversaw surveying quotes for the property and sale/removal of the houses.
- A lot clean up day was held on Sept 16
- To date 1 house still remains on the lot and is up for sale.
- Design Group was formed to facilitate the re-design/addition of our church.

Prayer Committee

- The Planning for Tomorrow prayer was distributed to schools to be included in their prayers. A new prayer was found – St. Michael Parish Building Prayer and was included in the November 2017 capital campaign letter.
- The power of prayer in our efforts to build our church up is essential, we will accomplish nothing without it.

The Fundraising Committee

- Was very busy with brainstorming on fundraiser activities.
- Some activities included: grocery cards sales and business directory.
- Two big events were the garage sale and feast of St. Michael which were organized with the parish office staff and funds donated to Planning for Tomorrow. Both these events were very successful and built a lot of community spirit.

As a whole committee we were excited about hosting the Visioning Day event.

Visioning Day Feb 4, 2017 – Approximately 90 parishioners participated. We looked at our parish as who we are and who we envisioned what our parish to be in the future. We identified Facilities & Structure, Demographics, Growth, Activities, Supports, Evangelization, Formation and Stewardship as indicators of who we are and brainstormed on strategies around goals for each of the indicators. We did a dot vote and prioritized the indicators and strategies. Facilities, Evangelization/Formations and Stewardship were the top 3 indicators.

SUMMARY					
Facilities					126
Evangelization/Formation					110
Stewardship					100
Environment					54
Community					50
Vocations					47
Supports					29
Other					10
Youth evangelization/ ministry					86
Sharing treasure					65
Hospitality					55
Ring bells in bell tower					42
Church grounds enhancement					39
Sharing time and talent					32
Retreats and missions					29
New office					27
Commercial kitchen					22
Parish hall					20
RCIA for Catholics					18
Sunday evening mass					16
Hang photo of St. Michael church in schools					14
Support for seniors					14
Increased devotional prayers					14
God's coffee house drop in center					14

In 2017 our parish has supported many strategies that the visioning day brought forward including:

- Formed a design group to start the process of designing the additions needed for our parish (office, meeting rooms, hall, kitchen and gathering space).
- We had 2 retreats – Life in the Spirit and a Eucharistic Workshop (2018).
- A Mom & Tots group and a couple of different prayer groups have started. We have also moved to a Liturgy Committee for all ministries to come together and meet approximately every 2 months.
- There was a request for Sunday evening mass and this has been implemented.
- There is still plenty to work on – one particular request was to ring the bells of the church at the beginning – this is a definite will of parishioners to proclaim who we are and that something important is happening in our community. I found this so inspiring!
- Another important activity was for participants to give one word that describes a vision statement for our parish and the most popular phrases were St. Michael parish is home, community, growing and love. The visioning day results were passed on to the Parish Pastoral Council.

In November of 2017 we mailed a capital pledge appeal letter to parishioners explaining our goal of Phase 1 which was and still is to get to the 'shovel ready' stage meaning paying our loan down by 50% or \$600,000 of the 1.2M loan from the Archdiocese.

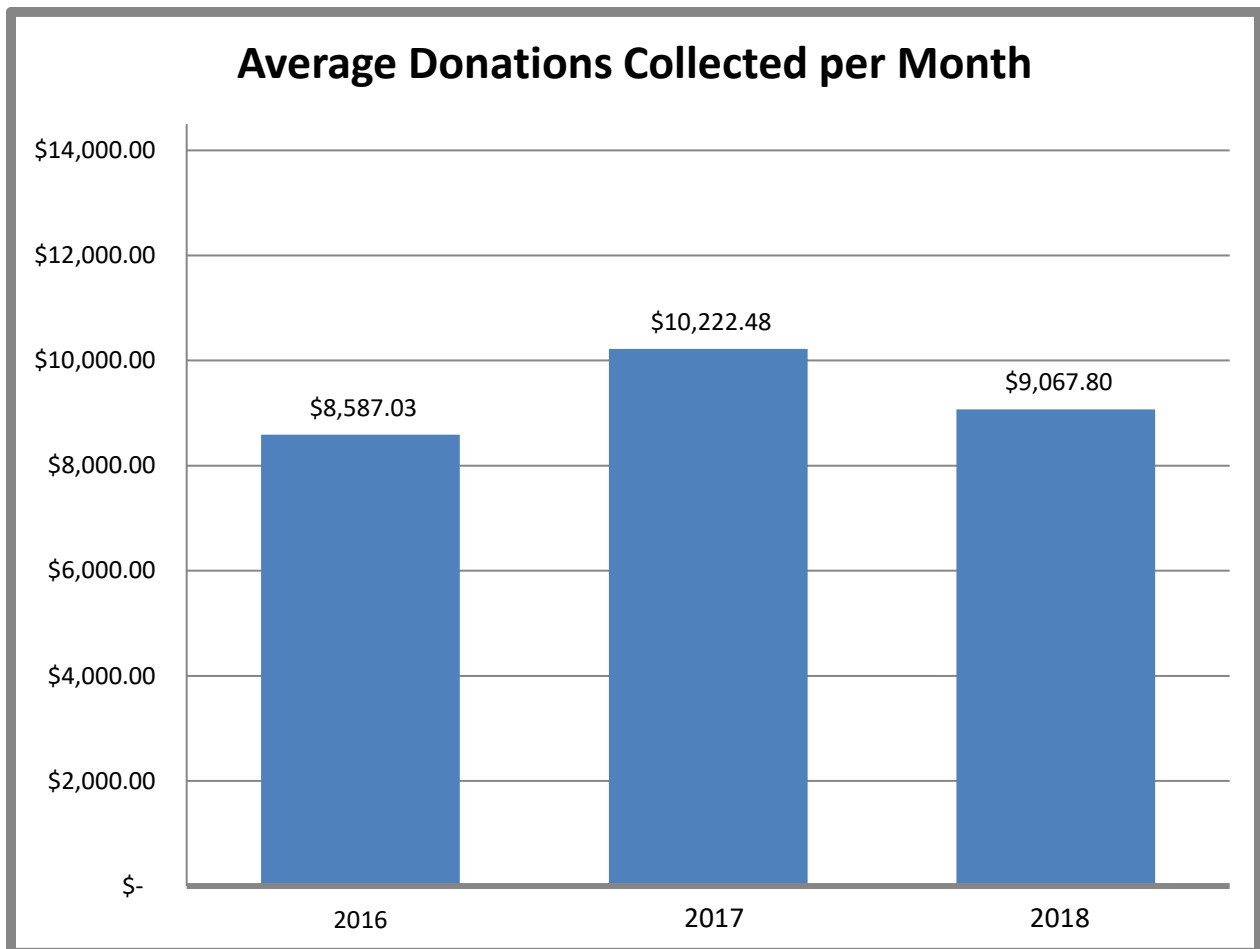
If we could make payments of \$25,000 a month we could be shovel ready in 1.5 years.

PFT budgets to collect \$14,583 each month – this amount includes our \$10,000 payment, interest, plus a fund to start paying for things like surveying the land, an architect, or an emergency situation as we now have with the parish office being condemned. To date we have not collected enough to build this fund.

In 2017 people donated in the following ways:

- \$3,508 in total was collected from the second collection on Planning for Tomorrow weekend
- \$1,785 in total was from Canada Helps funding website
- \$125, 581 in total was collected from auto withdrawal or envelopes

The Loan Payable as at Dec 31, 2017 is approximately \$910,000



Goals going forward:

Our focus continues to be community building and communicating our capital pledge campaign.

- Fundraising is 1 revenue stream however we still need your support to generate enough money for a potential \$5M capital plan.
- Capital pledging is where 80% of funds will come from in regards to paying for the facility renovation. This is very important for parishioners to understand – we need the regular monthly commitment from everyone – the amount is whatever you can afford.
- Increase the monthly capital pledge.
- Continue communication 1x per month at the weekend masses.
- Use fundraising as a community builder and supplementing our finances.
- Remove the 1 house remaining, develop the lots for paving, design the facilities, hire an architect.
- Ongoing communication and approval from the Archdiocese will be part of our process.

We have a beautiful parish, beautiful location and beautiful people. We have a wonderful opportunity to lift up our parish, share our history and faith in our community. Once again thank you all.

Submitted by:

Planning for Tomorrow Committee
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