

**St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
April 1, 2014**

Attendees: Mike Sandelich, Virginia Chadwick, Kayla Chadwick, Karen Mazzara, Laurie Hall, Fr. Michael Quaine, Shane Smith, Renato Ricciuti, Fr. Tim Galos, Shirley Sukes, Larry Healey, Kim Kook,

P	Chadwick, Virginia	A	Paul, Elvera
P	Chadwick, Kayla	A	Peckham, David
P	Galos, Artemio Rev. (Tim)	P	Quaine, Michael Rev.
P	Hall, Laurie	P	Ricciuti, Renato
P	Healy, Larry	A	Rizzi, Phyllis
P	Kook, Kim	P	Sandelich, Mike – Vice Chairperson
A	Lucas, Sr. JoAnn	P	Smith, Shane–Chairperson
P	Mazzara, Karen	A	Smolarz, Amy M.
A	Nevens, Lester R. (Les) - Alternante	P	Sukes, Shirley A.

P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm – Mike Sandelich calls the meeting to order

Reading of the Mission Statement - All

Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2014 minutes were approved by Renato Ricciuti & Kim Kook

Enrichment:

- Continued discussion on Chapter 3 from the book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly. A lot of people did not care for the chapter and we had a very productive discussion about the hidden nuggets contained even in the sections that were not perceived well and a discussion on what items were found to be valuable.

Pastoral Team Reports –

- Fr. Mike: Pastor’s Report
 - We are preparing for the Easter Triduum, a three day retreat as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. As I have often mentioned, these are the high festivals days of the Church and it is a wonder to me why they aren’t dignified by obligatory attendance (like our other Holy Days of obligation). Still, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather in prayer and vigil as we go through the events that brought us salvation in Christ. The Services will begin on Thursday evening at 7:00 with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Good Friday’s Service of the Lord’s Passion and Death will be at 12:00; and the Solemn Easter Vigil will be at 6:30 on Saturday. Easter Masses will be as usual, Sunday at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30.
 - We will be again celebrating the Stations of the Cross at Resurrection Cemetery at 4:00 on Good Friday. It’s a nice devotion, but something that should be understood as outside of the Triduum services.
 - Fr. Tim will be on vacation beginning with Easter Sunday (don’t ask me how I was talked into that one!) until April 30. He will be traveling to Rome for the canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. I am sure that Fr. Tim will pray for us while he is on pilgrimage...and also eating all of that lovely Italian food, drinking those exquisite wine selections and surrounded by great art and culture. I am not jealous, but as soon as he gets home I plan on going on vacation from May 1 through mid October. ☺
 - Over the next couple of weeks Fr. Tim and I will be traveling around to our neighboring parishes to help out with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Although it is a bit time consuming I have always enjoyed the opportunity to visit with our local clergy, listen to their reflections, and basically not worry about thing else other than the limited duties I have.

- Andrea Nowak (a new member of our parish and a bride to be, engaged to Rob Worunek and scheduled to be wed in September) will be joining Richard Smolarz on the art and environment committee for church decorating. We are delighted to have them on board. Thanks Andrea and Richard!
- Although I will have more to say on this topic in my report on the Activity Center, but one of the aspects of our impending construction will be the minimizing of lawn watering and spring planting. With the new building the outdoor sprinkling system will need to be disengaged and we will not be our usual beautiful self this coming season. In the fall, however, plans are underway for a new Peace Garden on the side opposite its current location which will include a sitting area, outdoor shrine to the Blessed Mother and our Peace Pole. Landscaping plans are being currently reviewed by the City of Sterling Heights.
- One other nitty gritty item that should be reported, with the new construction there will be the construction of a decorative wall around our dumpster, ABITIBI paper recyclers, and St. Vincent de Paul drop box as per city directive. Understandably, the city is interested in maintaining a neat appearance. I concur with this directive and see it as our responsibility to our parishioners and to the surrounding community to keep it orderly and good-looking. I want to thank Ed Biegas for his landscaping design work and his energy.
- Abitibi paper recycling has withdrawn the offer to pay by the pound the paper we collect due to the low prices offered on recycled paper. They will, however, continue to keep and maintain their containers on our property and, in the interest of helping our environment, we will continue collecting from our parishioners.
- Tomorrow, April 2, I will be meeting with Frank McDonald, Guss Pappas, and a representative of our General contracting firm McCarthy and Smith and they will describe to us the bidding process.
- We have received tentative approval of our building project and have submitted a landscaping design to the City of Sterling Heights. They wanted a detailed list of the names of all the trees and plants that will be used in the landscaping. All of that material will be included in the Site Plan Approval Package that will go before the City for final approval.
- We are in the process of cleaning out the old garage, which will be demolished in the next couple of weeks. A parishioner has expressed interest in moving the garage to his cottage up north. Another possibility is to contact Habitat for Humanity to see if they could reuse our old material. Either way it needs to be removed as soon as possible.
- 15 of April we will be doing a walk thru of any interested contractors who may wish to look at our site and any possible hook ups (plumbing, electrical, HVAC, drainage) they will use. It will prove to be a crazy Holy Week for us.
- As of today we still have not received our CSA target for this year. According to the AOD program, advance giving should start next week. Apparently they are running behind schedule.
- Jim Toger will be showing our Old AC to an interested party tomorrow April 2. Say a prayer this works out.
- Laurie Hall –
 - Update on RCIA and moving towards Holy Week
- Deacon Larry –
 - Deacon Larry announced he will be retiring.
- Father Tim-
 - No Report

Council Chairperson's Report / Parishioners Viewpoint –

- **Shane Smith**

- We will need nominations for new Parish Council members soon we only have two more meetings. We need four nominees.
- May 3 & 4, 2014 is the CSA pledge weekend and we will need help in the social hall with pledge cards. K of C will be providing donuts. Parish council members assistance is needed at all four masses. Shane will email a schedule to sign up.

Break – Shane Smith

Old Business –

- Activity Center.
 - We will receive bids and review on April 25, 2014 (CM, Owner, Architect)
 - We will submit to Archdiocesan Board of Consultors for authorization to start construction. The Board of Consultors meets next on May 28, 2014
 - We hope to break ground on Saturday May 31, 2014

New Business –

- It has been 10 years since our last directory, we need to decide if we want it updated or not. Discussion occurred about whether or not it is efficient any longer or if another more modern form is needed if at all. A lot of work and coordination is needed and it might be a bad time now with the activity center construction project. We will discuss further at next meeting
- We need to decide if we want to have a dedication ceremony/ground breaking ceremony on June 1, 2014 as we start construction on the activity center.

Goals Review followed by, current report if available

- **Christian Service** – Virginia Chadwick
 - Because of the article in the messenger that Michelle wrote at the end of March we have 3 new people in the jail ministry.
 - Another article going in the messenger for specifically IVC and our seniors in the parish. We are expanding this ministry.
 - Bylaws have been updated and approved
 - Going through events next week and meeting for next year's calendar
 - Coming up with a small goal and objective committee so we can bring final goals and objective to parish council in the June meeting.
 - We have a new parishioner inquiring about the soup kitchen
 - We are attracting new members 1 at a time

- **Education** – Virginia Chadwick
 - No Report at this time

- **Finance / Stewardship Commission**- Sr. JoAnn
 - No Formal Report at this time

- **Worship** – Laurie Hall
 - No Report at this time

- **Vicariate** – Phyllis Rizzi
 - No Report at this time

- **Youth** – Vacant

Round Table

- Discussion to keep going forward with our book discussion and all agree, yes. We will have chapter 4 as our next enrichment discussion.
- Discussion that there is too much going on now with the directory and deciding on the ground breaking ceremony in addition to the timing of commission meetings so we have decided to postpone the goal review until June and have it be our June enrichment. Need to get word to the various commissions.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Mike

Meeting Assessment – Productive

Meeting Adjournment – 9:00 PM

Next Meeting – May 6, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mazzara