

**St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
June 3, 2014**

Attendees: Fr. Michael Quaine, Fr. Tim, Karen Mazzara, Devid Peckham, Phyllis Rizzi, Laurie Hall, Kim Kook, David Peckham, Renato Ricciuti, Amy Smolarz Shirley Sukes, Michelle Hayes, Bill Pruzinski, Kerri Dettemer, Carol Thomas, Lou Belli

P	Chadwick, Virginia	A	Paul, Elvera
A	Chadwick, Kayla	P	Peckham, David
P	Galos, Artemio Rev. (Tim)	P	Quaine, Michael Rev.
P	Hall, Laurie	P	Ricciuti, Renato
A	Healy, Larry	P	Rizzi, Phyllis
P	Kook, Kim	A	Sandelich, Mike – Vice Chairperson
A	Lucas, Sr. JoAnn	A	Smith, Shane–Chairperson
P	Mazzara, Karen	P	Smolarz, Amy M.
A	Nevens, Lester R. (Les) - Alternante	P	Sukes, Shirley A.
G	Carol Thomas – Christian Service	G	Michelle Hayes – Christian Service
G	Lou Belli – Finance Commission-Interim Chair	G	Bill Pruzinski - Nominee
G	Kerri Dettemer - Nominee		

P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm – Fr. Michael Quaine calls the meeting to order

Reading of the Mission Statement - All

Opening Prayer – Sr. Joann

Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2014 minutes were approved by David Peckham & Laurie Hall

Enrichment:

- Goal Review – Each commission presented the hard work that has been done over the last year and the status of the goals that were set. See Power Point Presentation.

Break – Renato Ricciuti

Pastoral Team Reports –

Fr. Mike: Pastor’s Report- Jim Toger, Paul Chancey and I attended the College of Consultors meeting at the Chancery on Wednesday 28 May and presented our plan for expanding the facilities on our main campus. In attendance were AOD staff, the priests that make up the College of Consultors and the Archbishop. They asked several questions about our ability to finance the project and some of the specifics of the project. Apparently we answered the questions properly because we were told, after we left the room, that we should have an approval letter for the bridge loans and to proceed with the project in several days. We are on the way!

There is a meeting scheduled with McCarthy & Smith in Farmington Hills for Monday, June 2nd at 9:30 AM to restart the value engineering process. Some concerns were raised about unexpected additional expenses (about \$35,000) that appeared in the contractor’s bid package, Jim Toger is working with Frank MacDonell of the AOD Building’s Office to investigate and, if possible reduce these added costs as well as follow up on a few contractor suggestions that may potentially save us more money. The Archdiocesan attorneys are preparing the contracts for the M&S.

A Purchase Agreement is being prepared for the sale of the Old Activity Center. The agreed upon price is \$525,000.00 and the potential buyers is Victory Christian Church of Warren. A congregational walk-thru has been scheduled for

Wednesday June 4th at 7:00 PM by our real estate agent, Myrna Burroughs. I am looking forward to meeting the new occupants of the center.

The Pastor of Victory Christian has agreed to allow our use of the Old Activity Center on Mondays and Tuesdays afternoon through the end of December as our new Activity Center is being built. Cathy McInerny decided that the Religious Education classes will be held at the Church for the construction period, but if other groups have been displaced, they will be welcomed into Victory Christian throughout the construction period.

Three Promissory Notes are being prepared in connection for a series of bridge loans from the Archdiocese of Detroit. The first note will be against the unpaid pledges of our CLT Program in the amount of \$177,000.00 (keep those pledge payments coming); the second loan is against the sale of the old Activity Center for \$375,000.00 (we are selling it for \$150,000. more than what the AOD loan is and we will be able to apply the remaining balance minus closing cost of \$2000 and the 6% Real Estate Fee—about \$31,500 toward our construction expenses); and the third loan of \$449,955.00 will be against future operations and CSA overage.

- Deacon Larry – No Report
- Father Tim – No report
- Laurie Hall – Baptismal Prep: With Deacon Larry's retirement, the Baptism Preparation process has been revisited. I will now take responsibility for this ministry and am currently making some changes. We will move our group Baptisms from the second Saturday of the month at 6:30 to its new time of the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Also, preparation will be done by individuals/couples rather than in a group setting. Our goal is to be able to individually prepare people and provide a greater sense of welcoming. We will also be involving more parishioners in this ministry and will do regular follow-up with parents as their children grow. If anyone is interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact me for details.

Evangelization/ChristLife Program: As previously reported, Bob Murphy and I are working to bring this Evangelization program to St. Michael. The program has been purchased; we are reviewing the materials in order to begin our preparation. We are planning to hold the program beginning in January 2015 due to building constraints. More details will be forthcoming.

RCIA session close/preparation for next year: Like all programs, we have spent some time as an RCIA team to review the work this year. Overall, the team felt we had incredible participation and growth this year. We brought in new topics/structures this year and new sponsors as well. We identified strengths and areas for improvement and will be putting together next year's plan this summer.

Pentecost Homily: Claudia Welbes and I have been working together on ways to highlight the participation of our young people in the life of the parish. We enlisted the help of video expert Susan DeBenedetti who put together an amazing video. We will show the video this coming weekend, Pentecost, with youth reading excerpts from the Pentecost scriptures. Our goal is to raise awareness of the presence of our youth and, hopefully, to increase participation. Look for the presentation during the homily time at mass this weekend.

Council Chairperson's Report / Parishioners Viewpoint – Shane (absent)

Old Business

- Ground breaking ceremony – To be determined at a future date
- Activity Center Update – See Pastor’s report
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New Business

- Blessing of departing members of Parish Council – Prayer was read by all remaining council members blessing the departing members and thanking them for their service.
- Deacon Larry’s Retirement Party – Virginia Chadwick is coordinating details for the party that will be held on June 22 after the 11:30 mass. Set up to begin at 8:00 AM
- New parish council members that were nominated will be pulled from a hat on Sunday after 11:30 mass.

Roundtable – No additional Comments

Closing Prayer – Sr. Joann

Meeting Assessment – Very Productive

Meeting Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Next Meeting – September 2, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mazzara