

**St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
May 17, 2011**

Present: Fr. Mike, Fr Tim, Sr. JoAnn, Steve Dedene, Virginia Chadwick, Keith McKenzie, Bob Murphy, Nancy Dillon, Mike Greer, Tom Nevedal, Kevin Sebastian, Cameron Chadwick, Deacon Larry, Phyllis Rizzi, Debbie Olszewski, Laurie Hall, Sr. Arlene Seckel, Janice Campbell, Kevin Sebastian

Absent:

Guests: Judy Taegel

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Steve Dedene

Reading of the Mission Statement: All

Opening Prayer: Debbie

Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2011 minutes were approved.

Enrichment: Combined with Parish Goal setting survey results for this session.

2011-2012 Parish Budget: Judy Taegel presented the 2011-2012 Parish Budget that was approved by the Stewardship Commission on May 16, 2011. Revenue and expense assumptions were covered for both Church Operations and Religious Education. Capital improvements will focus on church lighting and the front sign. Additional new expenses for this budget year will be related to the implementation of the New Roman Missal and related supporting / educational material. The Council asked several questions and then completed the review as no formal approval was required. Fr. Mike asked for any volunteers who wanted to present a "State of the Parish" talk at the weekend masses.

Pastoral Team Reports:

- Fr. Mike
 - The front sign is progressing slowly. The plans are to finish the base and lighting this year. Most landscaping work will be put on hold for another year.
 - The new monitors are hooked up in the east/west gathering areas. They can display information from Powerpoint presentations or provide a live video feed of the mass.
 - The First Communion program is 2/3 complete. Many thanks to Virginia and the FLT Staff for all of their work with the communicants.
 - There will be a Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery. This year the EMs will be representatives of the Armed Forces in uniform.

- CSA has surpassed the target by \$3700 as of today. Fr. Mike expressed appreciation to Bob and Cathy Campbell for their leadership of this project and to the Parish Council for their help in the reception.
- Thanks to Deneweth's Garden Center for their ongoing donations of flowers for the church grounds.
- A meeting was held with Rick Rodriguez who has been assigned to help us with the Archdiocesan Fund Drive went well. He indicated that volunteers would be needed to help.
- The St. Michael website has been updated and is live. Fr. Mike expressed his appreciation again to all of those who made this happen. St. Michael is also now on Facebook. A common deadline of Monday at 10:00 AM has been established for anything that needs to be posted to the web, placed in the Messenger, or included in the announcements. Information should be sent in PDF format (Word documents are also acceptable) to:
 - Web: juliem@stmichaelcc.org
 - Messenger: kathyc@stmichaelcc.org
 - Announcements: laurieh@stmichaelcc.org
- According to the AOD Together in Faith process phase 2, we are no longer aligned with St. Ronald and St Louis. We are now aligned with Ss. Cyril and Methodius, St Jane Frances de Chantal, St. Ephrem, St. Matthias, and St. Paul of Tarsus. Fr. Mike was not informed of the changes and is seeking an explanation from the AOD.
- Adjustments to the Tithing Program are being made per the discussion at the March PC Meeting. We are reducing the Tithing fund by \$20K this year while maintaining the \$83K to charitable organizations that we support. This is being done by reducing aid to other parishes and schools – specifically eliminating the amount that was previously allocated to OL Good Counsel in Detroit.
- Fr. Tim – No update
- Deacon Larry – On the mend after surgery

Chairperson's Report / Parishioners' Viewpoint: Steve

- Suggestion that the music be displayed on the screens in the front of church: Some concern that this may be distracting and the screens are located in the sanctuary. Also noted the St. Michael's recycles all of the leaflets.
- Letter to Fr. Mike thanking him for the blessing of children. A secondary topic was noted about enhancing the connections between grandparents and grandchildren. The church will continue to acknowledge children as they come forward.
- Concern from the 11:30 ushers group about consolidating the offertory during mass: The current practice will be continued and Fr. Mike indicated that only minimal organization of the collection was required to expedite the process.
- Concern about the sound system during the CSA talks: No improvements to the audio system planned. Suggestion made to try the audio enhancing devices that are located above the ushers stand in the back of church.

Old Business

- Parish Council agenda structure and meeting topics – Nancy / Laurie
 - This was deferred

New Business

- Parish Council goal setting survey – Steve / Virginia
 - The Council was organized into three breakout groups to discuss the results as well as the survey questions. Many topics were surfaced for consideration. The survey coordination team was going to take the input and refine the questionnaire before trying to engage a survey tool. It is unlikely that we will meet the goal of fielding the survey before June and it will probably happen in the fall.

Commission Committee Reports

- Vicariate Report – Phyllis
 - Report provided separately
- Christian Service – Sr. Arlene
 - Report provided separately
- Worship – Laurie
 - Recapped Holy Week liturgies
 - Covered some of the New Roman Missal rollout activities including: an instructional session, bulletin articles, and mass cards. Implementation is scheduled for November 2011.
- Stewardship – Kevin
 - Report provided separately
- Youth – Cameron
 - The official name of the Youth group is PRYSM (Powerfully Radical Youth of St Michael)
 - Positive feedback received on the Youth involvement in the presentation of the Passion and Stations of the Cross.
 - The Easter Candy sale went well
 - Getting more involved with the youth of other parishes
 - Graduation Liturgy is scheduled for June 19
 - Encouraged more adults to get more involved with the Youth
- Education –
 - No update due

Roundtable

- No topics

Closing Prayer: Debbie

Meeting Adjournment: 9:20 PM

Next Meeting: June 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Keith McKenzie
Secretary