

**St Michael Catholic Community**  
**Parish Council Minutes**  
**May 15, 2012**

**Present** - Fr. Mike, Virginia Chadwick, Keith McKenzie, Bob Murphy, Elvera Paul, Laurie Hall, Kim Kook, Debbie Olszewski, Deacon Larry, Phyllis Rizzi, Fr. Tim, Sr. JoAnn

**Absent** - Shane Smith, Sr. Arlene, Nancy Dillon

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Virginia

**Reading of the Mission Statement** - All

**Opening Prayer** – Kim

**Approval of Minutes** – April 17, 2012 minutes were approved

**Enrichment: Structure of the Church** – Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike led the Enrichment section on the changes to the structure of the church. He compared some of the understanding during Vatican I with the changes made following Vatican II. Some of the key elements included:

- Vatican I: Hard line, power, authority, very declarative with a strong focus on the Pope and the Holy Roman Empire
- Vatican II: Changed the focus to the church as a manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that the earthly church and heavenly church form one interlocked reality which is comprised of a divine and human element.

He then led a discussion on the ability to see the signs of the current model in our Parish Community. Some key attributes and examples included:

- Institution: Parish Council, Commissions, Staff, reporting relationship to the AOD and greater church hierarchy, church laws, and sacramental documentation.
- Sacramental: Worship, hospitality, outreach, tithing, sacraments, pastoral visits, and ministers of care.
- Prophetic: RICA, Religious Education Program, homilies, bible study, and adult formation.
- Community: The “Assembly,” support, Mission Statement, outreach, McRest, fund raisers, Social Committee / social functions, and the Youth Group.
- Servant: Offering of Letters, preaching / proclaiming / acting as a good role model, volunteering, participation, witness, tithing, and giving time / talent / treasure to support the work of the church.

He closed with an inquiry about how we felt about supporting the five dimensions as a parish community. Overall, we were fairly positive in assessing these principles. The Council felt that we generally do a good job of supporting this vision and have a fairly good balance between them.

## **Pastoral Team Reports**

- **Fr. Mike** - Comments were previously distributed by email to the Council prior to the meeting. Primary topics included:
  - Offered congratulations to Fr. Tim on becoming a US citizen
  - Commented on the feedback that he has received on his series of articles covering addiction
  - Indicated that we would be doing a minor amount of renovation work to the old kitchen to make it more useable.
  - Discussed feedback from a new parishioner about doing the CSA presentation during a weekend of First Communion liturgies.
  - Talked about the future role of the Parish Pastoral Council in light of the Church's mandate of a Finance Council. He wants the PC to focus on pastoral issues and provide a "view from the pew."
- **Fr Tim** – No input on parish matters
- **Deacon Larry** – Had to step out of the meeting

## **Council Chairperson's Report / Parishioners Viewpoint – Virginia**

- No VMEs or other input was received.
- Passed around a thank you card from the DeBenedetti family for the PC contribution to their fundraising effort.
- Provided an update on the 2012-2013 Parish Council nomination process. Articles had been published in the Messenger, but to date no one had been nominated. It was suggested that something be added to the announcements at the end of mass during the weekend of May 19/20 to try to generate more interest.
- Keith brought up two topics in Parishioners' Viewpoint section:
  - First was a question on appearance of the new sign. It appears that the limestone is defective and that we are working with the limestone supplier and installer to resolve.
  - Second was related to the busyness at the 4:30 Mass during May and all of the activities including the First Communions. A good deal of discussion occurred at the Council Meeting and Keith was asked to summarize in a letter to Fr. Mike so that he could review with the appropriate members of the Church Staff. The letter was sent on May 20, 2012

## **Old Business**

- Changing Lives Together Campaign – Fr. Mike
- Current contributions
  - \$811,996 pledged to date from 569 gifts
  - \$951,175 is the goal for the program
  - \$568,397 is the percentage that comes to St. Michael
  - \$139, 179 is the remaining amount to complete our Archdiocesan obligation.
  - A letter was distributed from Fr. Mike to Archbishop Vigneron making a request to retain architect Gus Pappas for additional schematic designs of the addition in the amount of \$11,400.
- CSA – Fr. Mike
  - \$130, 205 pledged to date from 495 gifts

- \$137,786 is the goal for 2012
- \$7,581 remaining to reach the goal
- Stewardship Goals and Objectives – Sr. JoAnn
  - Sr. JoAnn started with a discussion on the meaning of “Evangelization.” A lengthier discussion ensued related to the need to understand the topic before engaging on additional goal / objective setting activities. Fr. Mike provided a working definition as “Evangelization is the act of summoning people to the faith in Jesus Christ.” Laurie was asked to work with Deacon Paul and look for an opportunity for him to come in and cover the topic with the PC at some point in the future.
  - The main Stewardships goals / objectives were around
    - Working with inactive Catholics to promote additional participation and activity in church life.
    - Evaluate the census information, inputting the data into the church records, and sending out a reminder to those that have not responded. People who do not respond will be maintained in the church records, but placed into an inactive status.
  - The goals / objectives are currently out for comment with both the Stewardship Commission and Finance Council members.
- Christian Service Goals and Objectives – Virginia
  - Virginia presented on behalf of Christian Service. The objectives were largely a list of everything that is currently supported with the lead person identified. The Parish Council asked that they be re-evaluated by the Commission and made into prioritized actionable items that address the specific goals stated. We also wanted to understand what they were proposing that would be new.
- Cluster Plan with St. Ronald
  - Being discussed and leveraging activities of Fr. Tim and Fr. Jim Andreas
  - Consider a starting point of having some dialogue to pursue a joint commission on evangelization and vocations
  - Fr. Mike to cover with Deacon Franz based his letter that was distributed with the Pastor’s Comments.

### **New Business**

- None scheduled

### **Commission Committee Reports (bypassed due to time)**

- Vicariate Report – Phyllis
  - No report
- Stewardship – Sr. JoAnn
  - No report
- Christian Service – Sr. Arlene
  - April 19, 2012 Minutes distributed by email.
- Education
  - No report
- Worship – Laurie
  - Worked on PC Goals and Objectives

- Youth – Virginia
  - No report

**Roundtable**

- Keith clarified Agenda topics for the June Meeting
  - Orientation for new members would be at 6:00 preceding the PC meeting.
  - No Enrichment planned
  - Bob volunteered for refreshments
- Virginia indicated that the next New Parishioner Welcome Weekend was scheduled for June 2/3 and that assistance would be required. PC suggested that we evaluate the need based on the number of new families that had enrolled and the expected turnout at the event before finalizing the arrangements.

**Assessment – All**

- Bypassed due to time

**Closing Prayer – Kim**

**Meeting Adjournment – 9:45 PM**

**Next Meeting – June 19, 2012**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith McKenzie  
Secretary