

**St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
June 4, 2013**

Attendees:

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

P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest

New Member Orientation: Hosted by Bob Murphy and Shane Smith for the following new members:

- Karen Mazzara
- Renato Ricciuti
- David Peckham
- Alternate is Kayla Chadwick

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm – Bob calls the meeting to order

Introduction of new and current members were conducted.

Reading of the Mission Statement - All

Opening Prayer – Sr. JoAnn

Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2013 minutes were approved – by Bob Murphy and Shirley Sukes 2nd the approval of the meeting minutes.

Enrichment:

- "Go and Make Disciples" pages 17 – 22
 - Mike - Page 22 – don't just do this in church it needs to be done every and by everyone, planting the seed and the last part is to invite them to church –
 - Bob and Laurie - We are all Peter and Mary to help build the church – only 12 disciples started this and now 2000 years later it is still going on today –
 - Renato leaves his bible open at work to see how receptive people are to go into a deeper conversation
 - Karen – added she was called to the church by attending the Memorial Mass at St. Michael and saw article in The Messenger, got invitation she had been waiting for so don't be afraid to invite.
 - Phyllis – attended the service on Memorial Weekend at Resurrection, she asked her friend if she wanted to attend and may start coming to church on a regular basis – she was receptive to the invitation.
 - Father Mike – Parish community can be alive and filled with real issues instead of a bureaucracy the Parish Council is learning to be leaders and be inspired and filled with hope and that we the members of the church.

Pastoral Team Reports –

- Fr. Mike: Pastor’s Report
 - The “chair project” in the worship space is coming along nicely. To date we have 250 chairs have been repaired, painted, and reupholstered. We are renovating 150 chairs at a time, the amount of work that can be handled by the contractor. From what I understand a lot of space is required to repairing, sanding, powder coating, and storing the completed seats and 150 seems to be the maximum number that he can handle at any one time (along with his other contracts). I am anticipating the project to be completed by the autumn. Once again I’d like to express my gratitude to the Stewardship-Finance Council in general and Tony Pecararo and Lou Belli for their project oversight.
 - We received confirmation from the Archdiocese of Detroit to proceed with the real estate assessment of the Activity Center. This is the first step in selling the property. Initially we spoke with same real estate company that sold us the property 19 years ago and we were given a rough estimate of what we might expect if we sold the property for a like purpose, that is to say, to another church community. We were given the figure of \$400,000.00. Given the property’s commercial zoning designation, its depth, and its access both to Hayes and Canal, the Finance Council feels that the property might be a more valuable piece of real estate for medical offices, commercial investment (fast food, strip mall), or some industrial development. For those who may be concerned about displaced religious education classes, fear not: the wonderfully bureaucratic Archdiocesan structures prohibit quick decisions, even if they are in our best interest. Permission to have the property appraised, not sold but appraised, took several months, two committees and three different offices and I had to verify in writing that this was discussed and approved by the Finance Council.
 - By now you have heard that our neighbor Msgr. George Miller has returned from Guest House and has resumed full time ministry at St. Ronald (our sister parish). To add a little levity to the situation I wasn’t given a welcome to the parish party, but I was given a good bye party. I’ll try not to think about it.
 - Our Christian Service Coordinator Vernie Dale will be officially retiring at the end of this month after ministering at St. Michael for 26 years. Vernie wants to spend more time on her writing projects. We will soon be developing a search committee for her successor. Vernie will be working at SMCC until a successor is found assisting us with the transition.
 - Speaking of Vernie’s writing, she recently had a short story published in the St. Anthony Messenger entitled: “Dry Beans,” a story about a ghost and domestic violence. It’s a well-crafted story.
- Deacon Larry –
 - Revisit the number of handicap spots in the church – need to have more space for the wheel chairs, walkers and so on for them and their families.
 - It is the ministry of the Ushers to make accommodations for the handicap members to sit where they want to sit within the church with their families.
 - Greeters can also assist with getting making accommodations for them to feel welcome within the church.
 - Add additional mats and chair covers to identify an area for them to sit.
- Father Tim
 - Nothing new that he needs to share – Father Mike asked Father Tim how many Nursing Homes he presents mass to and Father Mike stated that he shares mass and communion to the following homes; Shore Haven, and he finds it very inspiring to him, Pine Ridge, American House, St. George Towers, Villa Bella, Presbyterian Village to serve communion

Council Chairperson’s Report / Parishioners Viewpoint – Bob

- Sent out 52 letters for the welcoming mass and received 5 back.

- One will be attending 9:45am, June 9th for the welcoming blessing.
- One will be attending 11:30am, June 9th for the welcoming blessing.
- One will be attending 4:30pm, June 8th for the welcoming blessing.
- Totally enjoyed his time on the Parish Council, enjoy opening prayer and will totally miss coming to the meeting with these great folks.

Break - Phyllis Rizzi

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Old Business

- Status of New Activity Center including the progress of the CLT program -
 - Gathering space will probably be put on hold
 - Pre-construction estimate and we could not do it and we are still waiting on the pre-construction cost with the changes that were made.
 - Meeting with the different contract parties to see how this will work.
- Bathroom Doors
 - Was discussed at Financial and was turned over to Cathy Campbell to further investigate.
- Landscape Edging near West entrance
 - Has been fixed – put a planter in front of it so no one will trip over it.

New Business

- Election of new officers for the 2013-2014 council
 - Michael Sandelich has been elected as Vice Chairperson
 - Karen Mazzara has been elected as Secretary

Goals Review followed by, current report if available – Reported Last Month

- **Finance / Stewardship Commission**- Sr. JoAnn
 - Least expensive way, family was in business for 35 years, taking out a certain number of chairs at a time was agreed upon so that no one would notice them missing.
 - Father Mike got permission for the appraisal and the meeting minutes will be complied with all of the process from all the organization that is involved – such as Sterling Heights, Macomb, and so on.
- **Christian Service** – Sr. Arlene - Nothing
- **Worship** – Laurie Hall - Nothing
- **Education** – Virginia Chadwick - Nothing
- **Vicariate** – Phyllis Rizzi
 - Fr. Ron Milligan, said that for future Penance Services that will be held in Advent and Lent, the Central Macomb Vicariate would be split into 3 groups and one Parish would hold the Advent Penance Service and another one in the same group would host the Lenten Penance Service.
 - Capuchin from St. Bonaventure’s Monastery would be available to all Parishes (upon request) to do a “Blessing of the Sick” Service at your Parish.
- **Youth** – ??? _ Nothing
 - None

Roundtable

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Closing Prayer – Sr. Jo Ann

Meeting Assessment –

Meeting Adjournment – 8:56 PM

Next Meeting – September 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kook