

St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
June 21, 2011

Present: Fr. Mike, Sr. JoAnn, Steve Dedene, Virginia Chadwick, Keith McKenzie, Bob Murphy, Nancy Dillon, Tom Nevedal, Deacon Larry, Laurie Hall, Sr. Arlene Seckel, Janice Campbell, Kim Kook, Keith Nunley, Elvera Paul, Shane Smith

Absent: Fr Tim, Debbie Olszewski, Mike Greer, Cameron Chadwick, Phyllis Rizzi, Kevin Sebastian

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

Reading of the Mission Statement: All

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

Parish Council Orientation: The Parish Council welcomes new members Kim Kook, Keith Nunley, Elvera Paul, and Shane Smith. Sr. JoAnn facilitated the orientation session with introductory materials, an overview of the function, small group discussions, and prayer. We would also like to thank members who have completed their terms for their contributions including: Chairperson Steve Dedene, Janice Campbell, and Tom Nevedal.

Parish Council Officers for 2011-2012

- Chairperson – Virginia Chadwick
- Vice Chairperson – Bob Murphy
- Secretary – Keith McKenzie

Pastoral Team Reports:

- Fr. Mike
 - The front sign is progressing slowly. The plans are to finish the base and lighting this year. Simple landscaping will also be completed this year.
 - Electronic giving is available on our website through our new bank Christian Financial Credit Union. Credit card payments will be available soon and information about these services will be provided to the parish community.
 - Meetings with the engineering firm managing the church and parking lot lighting project indicates that they can drop lighting costs by 30% while increasing candle power by three times. Thanks to the Stewardship Committee for their “green” thinking and helping to conserve costs at the same time. Also thanks to Bob Voiland who installed new timers on our current parking lot lights.
 - A letter is being sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit requesting a redetermination of the new clustering plan with other local parishes. A lot of good work has gone into the project with St. Ronald and he would like a better understand of the changes in phase 2.

- The Confirmation summer program is a smashing success. Cathy McInerney reports this is one of the best received programs ever introduced and special thanks to Susan and Nino DiBenedetti for their efforts.
- Also the graduation mass was a great success. Thanks to those who worked on it including: Virginia Chadwick, Madeline Provanzano and their crew for the reception; and Shane Smith for his reflections at mass.
- Finally, the Ecumenical group of ministers has agreed to a service commemorating the tenth anniversary of the bombing of the World Trade Center.
- Fr. Tim – Not present
- Deacon Larry – Discussed marriage preparation classes

Chairperson's Report / Parishioners' Viewpoint: Steve

- No new updates

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Parish Council goal setting survey – Steve / Virginia
 - The revised survey was distributed for review. Some additional demographic questions will be added. The survey will be conducted primarily by using the "Survey Monkey" tool, and advertised heavily in a number of forums. Parishioners and all members of their families will be encouraged to complete the survey on line, but alternatives will be made available. Council recommended conducting the survey during the summer so that the results would be available when we reconvene in September.
- Some additional discussion occurred on the Archdiocesan Fund. Fr. Mike indicated that he was looking for people who could help determine how to present this to the parish.

Commission Committee Reports

- Vicariate Report – Phyllis
 - No report
- Christian Service – Sr. Arlene
 - Report provided separately
- Worship – Laurie
 - No meeting / report
- Stewardship – Kevin
 - Report provided separately
- Youth – Cameron
 - No report
- Education –
 - No update due

Roundtable

- Administrative tasks – Keith
 - Completed 2011-2012 meeting schedule including opening / closing prayers and refreshments for Council Meetings.
 - Discussed the need for copies of presentation materials either electronically or in hard copy form to facilitate the minutes
 - Covered timing of the agendas / minutes distribution. Virginia suggested a conference call to develop agendas for next year with officers and Fr. Mike.
 - Collected contact information from new members and name badge needs

Meeting Adjournment: 9:10 PM

Next Meeting: September 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Keith McKenzie
Secretary