

**St Michael Catholic Community  
Parish Council Minutes  
October 2, 2012**

**Attendees:**

P	Chadwick, Virginia	P	Nevens, Lester R. (Les) - Alternate
P	Dillon, Nancy	P	Paul, Elvera
A	Galos, Artemio Rev. (Tim)	P	Quaine, Michael Rev.
P	Hall, Laurie	P	Rizzi, Phyllis
A	Healy, Larry	P	Sandelich, Mike
P	Kook, Kim - Secretary	P	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.
G	Babbs		

P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Bob

**Reading of the Mission Statement - All**

**Opening Prayer – Elvera**

**Approval of Minutes –** September 2, 2012 minutes were approved – Bob Murphy Approved, Phyllis Rizzi – Second the Approval

**Enrichment:**

- Father Mike presented the, “Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States” – walking through the introduction and explained that he will divide up the document for following Enrichments topics –
- Page 3 - Jesus was the initial Evangelist – he did coerce people he invited them to come as we do at St. Michael – not with judgment,
- Page 4 - describes the Catholic Evangelization – focus on ourselves and how we the people can be more inviting, accessible to others, focus on others and not oneself be better aware of how we conduct our business affairs so that folks feel more welcome.
- In summary – Evangelization is not just Fr. Mike’s job it is everyone’s job and look more deeply at our own relationship with the gospel and readings. We will go through the strategy and will begin taking a deeper look into the plan presented by the Bishops.
- Everyone is required to read the following three sections of the “Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States” document and the following people will facilitate the discussion:
  - What is Evangelization? - Shane
  - Why We Evangelize? – Sister Arlene
  - How Evangelization Happens - Phyllis

## Pastoral Team Reports

- *Concern about Deacon Larry and Fr. Tim not being in attendance at the meetings – Fr. Mike will speak with them about attending the meeting or at least providing a paragraph of what they have been doing over the last month.*
- Fr. Mike: Pastor’s Report
  - Sometime within the next few days every member of the parish will be receive a postcard announcing our follow up of the Changing Lives Together campaign, those who have contributed already and those who have not. The purpose of this mailing is to announce a follow up to everyone. If a parishioner has already given, they will be gratified to know that we are not dropping the ball but continuing our efforts. If a parishioner has not yet contributed, they will be alerted to the continuation of the campaign and our eventual contact with them about contributing to it. We have procured an outside company to assist us with this leg of the program, J. Milito and Associates will personally contact by telephone every parishioner and ask for his or her participation. The advantage of using this company is that they will “scrub” our records (bring them up to date). The cost of hiring them is \$7,000., but according to other parishes who have used them specifically for the CLT program the money they brought in through personal contact made the additional campaign cost worth the investment.

Keep in mind the CLT has an assigned target from the Archdiocese of \$969,705.00. We are approximately \$135,000.00 from the AOD target and way below our target for our building project.

PARISH	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	% COMPLETE
Gesu Parish, Detroit	\$466,815	\$430,917	92.31%
Guardian Angels Parish, Clawson	\$811,938	\$535,091	65.90%
Holy Family Parish, Detroit	\$34,687		0.00%
Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Redford	\$279,865	\$271,320	96.95%
OL of Mt Carmel Parish, Temperance	\$600,124	\$653,811	108.95%
OL Queen of Martyrs Parish, Bev Hills	\$954,707	\$1,602,957	167.90%
Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn	\$773,525	\$776,840	100.43%
Sacred Heart Parish, Imlay City	\$176,629	\$72,160	40.85%
SS. Peter & Paul Parish, North Branch	\$214,533	\$401,369	187.09%
St. Aidan Parish, Livonia	\$706,979	\$469,982	66.48%
St. Albert the Great Parish, Dbn Heights	\$292,774	\$215,828	73.72%
St. Alexander Parish, Farmington Hills	\$210,922	\$247,264	117.23%
St. Anne Parish, Monroe	\$135,376	\$80,357	59.36%
St. Anne Parish, Warren	\$687,309	\$295,607	43.01%
St. Anselm Parish, Dbn Heights	\$371,277	\$452,353	121.84%
St. Anthony Parish, Temperance	\$342,472	\$112,790	32.93%
St. Athanasius Parish, Roseville	\$356,271	\$148,753	41.75%
St. Barbara Parish, Dearborn	\$156,920	\$148,775	94.81%
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newport	\$461,633	\$1,366,049	295.92%
St. Christopher Parish, Detroit	\$118,854	\$64,098	53.93%
St. Colette Parish, Livonia	\$1,121,470	\$958,411	85.46%
St. Cunegunda Parish, Detroit	\$91,332	\$92,475	101.25%
St. Dennis Parish, Royal Oak	\$275,591		0.00%

St. Ephrem Parish, Sterling Heights	\$462,225	\$489,374	105.87%
St. Irene Parish, Dundee	\$97,158	\$62,531	64.36%
St. John Neumann Parish, Canton	\$1,159,876	\$637,770	54.99%
St. John the Baptist Parish, Monroe	\$368,891	\$763,971	207.10%
St. Joseph Parish, Ida	\$148,406	\$62,395	42.04%
St. Louis Parish, Clinton Township	\$521,253	\$297,553	57.08%
St. Louise de Marillac Parish, Warren	\$597,637	\$450,890	75.45%
St. Lucy Parish, Saint Clair Shores	\$538,290	\$388,422	72.16%
St. Mary Burnside Parish, North Branch	\$70,731	\$87,918	124.30%
St. Mary Parish, Monroe	\$560,077	\$452,560	80.80%
St. Mary Parish, Port Huron	\$597,601	\$307,209	51.41%
St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak	\$544,210	\$513,302	94.32%
St. Mary Parish, Saint Clair	\$752,179	\$485,429	64.54%
St. Mel Parish, Dearborn Heights	\$187,887	\$173,956	92.59%
St. Michael Parish, Sterling Heights	\$969,705	\$827,256	85.31%
St. Michael Parish, Monroe	\$487,400	\$474,371	97.33%
St. Pius X Parish, Southgate	\$587,400	\$205,377	34.96%
St. Priscilla Parish, Livonia	\$403,411	\$311,080	77.11%
St. Sebastian Parish, Dearborn Heights	\$585,737	\$174,578	29.80%
St. Vincent Parish, Madison Heights	\$352,133	\$287,049	81.52%
<b>Grand Total -- Wave Three Parishes</b>	<b>\$19,634,210</b>	<b>\$16,850,197</b>	<b>85.82%</b>

Most of you had a chance to view the model of the addition developed by our architect. Currently that model is being altered to reflect a “staging” process to our building. Stage one will be the construction of that elongated portion of the addition—the classrooms/meeting rooms, restrooms and a youth room. That portion of the project will take care of our immediate need and, once constructed, will allow us to sell the current activity center and utilize those funds for the remaining part of the project, which will be the chapel and expanded gathering space. Although it would be cheaper to complete the project all at once this latest concept may be necessary start. Also, it helps us to separate wants from needs. Suffice it to say that the architectural renditions of this project are concepts that are being discussed and refined on a continuous basis. The latest concept will be put up for what is called a “pre-construction” bid from no less than four companies who will help us to both further refine our ideas and provide us with realistic budget projections for the project. These preconstruction bids will not be available until after the first of the year.

Yesterday I was handed a \$5000.00 gift for the CLT program. The gift was given in memory of this man’s late wife. The question arose, how do we recognize memorial gifts? Also, there was a mention of a dedicated gift. How do we recognize people who wish to make a substantial contribution to a specific aspect of the project, e.g., a chapel or a youth room? What exactly is a “substantial gift,” realizing, of course, that what is substantial to one is not necessarily substantial to another? I am looking for some input in terms of how to proceed.

I want to mention a special thanks to the members of the Council who assisted at this year’s Festival of Ministries. It was a huge success and it brought in many new faces in the various ministries we perform throughout the year. It was a great community building event.

Cathy Campbell is spearheading a Make a Difference Day project, collecting gently used children’s books for

local schools and charities. She will be collecting that material between 10:00 and Noon on Saturday October 27th.

Thanks to Deacon Paul Lippard for his talk on Evangelization. It was well attended and will provide us with an excellent starting point for our discussions on this important topic.

Finally, in light of the topic of Evangelization, it seems to me that much of the work we are already doing at SMCC can be considered in a new way. I was reminded of our invitation to the MISD children, young people with disabilities who come to our facility every Tuesday. The teachers, aids, parents and administrators are aware of St. Michael's commitment to living out the Gospel message. I was surprised to learn that many agencies—even other churches—are hesitant to accept this added responsibility. Kudos to us!

- Headcount will be gathered from all four masses for the next 4 week s or so in order to determine if we will have enough parking spaces for folks in attendance at the masses in regards to the expansion of the Activity Center – this information will be presented to the zoning commission for review.

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

- Was the Evangelization Presentation worth attending
  - Outstanding comments – What do you like about St. Michael:
    - Generous but not spiritual
    - Comfortable and actually does what it talks about
    - Acts as the heart and hand of Christ
    - Community who serves well
    - Active community with parishioners
    - Happy Family
  - Great participation
  - Buy-in from top down
  - People do what they see not what they hear
  - Determine a target of our Evangelization (work within our area)
  - Deacon Paul Lippard has other sessions that he is willing to present (of course for a charge)
  - Catholic Religion is still a very strong Brand

### **Old Business**

- What is it that we do for folks who make a considerable donation to Changing Lives Together
  - Tree with leaves of donations
  - In Memory of Others gifts
  - Brick Pavers for folks who donate in the Peace Garden
- Tracking the progression of our established goals
  - Need to focus on the progress of the goals and objectives
  - Meeting of all commissions to discuss the status of the objectives – November, 2012 and May, 2013

### **New Business**

- Evangelization Presentation
  - See the notes under Enrichment
  - Forming of an Evangelization Commission
    - Trunk or Treat initiative needs a Chairperson for follow-up
    - Advertisement, reach out to people in the community to get them involved
  - Identify what we are going to Evangelize
  - Need to get the people to walk in the door
    - Fulfill the needs of the people (for example, employment assistance, adult education, additional resources – speakers from the Archdiocese [payment required])

- Subcommittee of the Parish Council
    - How Many People on the committee
  - How to complement our goals with the Parish Council committee
- Status of New Activity Center
  - See drawing of proposed Activity Center with the breakdown of the Phases of Construction
  - Need to put together a script for the question for the follow-up calls for Changing Lives Together – Fr. Mike is looking for assistance in getting the script done for the follow-up calls
    - What does St. Michael mean to you?
- Protocol for handling medical emergencies in church (Nancy)

### **Commission Reports / Objective Progress**

- Vicariate –
  - Central Macomb Vicariate was held on Monday, Sept. 24th at St. Ephrem’s Parish. Officers for the coming year were elected.
  - Deacon Kolarick passed out the Pastoral Priorities of the different planning groups from Together in Faith meetings. We are to discuss if these priorities are being met with our parish Councils. He also updated us on how the merger of St. Sylvester and St. Edmund is progressing. They have a Transition Team that is working on the Parish name, Mass schedules; they will be reducing the Masses from 7 to 4. They are also discussing which Church will remain open. The merger of St. Clement and St. Theresa is completed and their new name is Our Lady Queen of Families. They have a combined debt of 4 million and have a repayment plan that has been approved. Fr. Bauer is the new Pastor. Their Mass schedule has been reduced from 6 to 3.
  - The Vicariate Newsletter and the website were discussed and a committee is deciding on changes.
  - Next meeting will be on October 15, 2012.
- Stewardship Christian Service –
  - Sunshine Committee - Cards were sent
  - Habitat – Received a letter from 8 year old girl thrilled with her new home
  - Can Collection – Collected \$310.00 Labor Day Weekend
  - Chili Fest - Committee formed to resolve the issue of 1 less stove available
  - Diapers & Dollars – Scheduled for October 6 – 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Crafty Ladies – Scarves will be sold again this year
- Worship –
  - Has not met yet, will meet the end of October
- Education –
  - 2012 Parish Goal: Identify the work of Evangelization
    - Objective #1 – Deacon Paul Lippard presented on Evangelization on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Approximately 90 people were in attendance including Parish Council members, Catechists, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers
    - Objective #2 – Will begin In process, discussed in length, will continue to work on it next meeting January 15, 2013 highlighting catechetical work on page 3 of the Messenger
  - 2012 Parish Goal: Call all members of the parish community
    - Objective #1 – Done
    - Objective #2 – Still in process
    - Objective #3 – In process, discussed in length, new process identified, will continue to work on it next meeting January 15, 2013
  - 2012 Parish Goal: Increase the participation of teens & youth
    - Objective #1 – Shared this with this year catechists @ meeting
    - Objective #2 – On-going
    - Objective #3 – Pending

- Youth –
  - None

**Roundtable**

- Nancy – Flu shots 8 – 1pm this Sunday and the Taste Test weekend is March 3, 2013
- Sister Joanne’s email address was incorrect – should be [joannlucas68@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joannlucas68@sbcglobal.net)

**Closing Prayer** – Elvera

**Meeting Assessment** – Successful

**Meeting Adjournment** – 8:45 PM

**Next Meeting** – November 6, 2012

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kim Kook**