

**St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
March 10, 2015**

Attendees: (see completed chart immediately below)

P	Brown, Deanna (Alternate)	P	Quaine, Rev. Michael
A	Chadwick, Kayla (Alternate)	P	Reid, Jim
P	Chadwick, Virginia	P	Ricciuti, Renato (Secretary)
P	DiNoto, Karen (Vice Chairperson)	A	Rizzi, Phyllis (Excused)
A	Eddins, Jamey	P	Sandelich, Mike (Chairperson)
A	Galos, Rev. Artemio (Tim)	A	Smolarz, Amy M. (Excused)
P	Hall, Laurie	P	Sukes, Shirley A.
P	Lucas, Sr. JoAnn	P	Waddell, Susie
A	Nevens, Lester R. (Les) (Alternate)	P	Murphy, Bob
P	Peckham, David	P	Jim Toger
		P	Paul Chancey

P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest, (Excused) = Excused absence

1) MEETING OPENING

- a. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mike Sandelich.
- b. **Reading of the Mission Statement** – Attendees read the St Michael Catholic Community Mission Statement.
- c. **Opening Prayer** – Attendees joined in an opening prayer led by Fr. Mike.
- d. **Approval of Minutes** – The February 3, 2015 minutes were approved by Karen and seconded by Virginia.

2) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Activity Center:

Updates were provided by Jim Toger and Paul Chancey. A construction issue has been surfaced regarding bricks beneath a window along the sidewalk that are below grade and it needs to be fixed. A civil engineer was brought in to resurvey the building last Friday and we're awaiting the results this week. A meeting is scheduled next week with Frank MacDonell (Director of Buildings from the Archdiocese of Detroit), Jim, Paul, and the architect next week to go over the options and issues. There are multiple ways of doing a solution. Since the building has a 50-year estimated useful life, the issue solution needs to be a 50-year solution. We're not going to tell them what that solution is, only that it needs to be a 50-year solution.

Also the shingles buckled on our roof with the weather thaw and they need to be fixed. When the temperature remains continuously above 45 degrees (day and night throughout) the shingles will be repaired otherwise the repair would not be covered under warranty.

There's also a steady issue within the building they're working on with the carpenter to resolve, which has to do with the joints between the two buildings and plaster.

There's also an issue in two areas under ground north of the building which will likely require blue clay being removed and replaced with crushed rock at a cost of approximately \$15,000-\$30,000. The work cannot be done until the soil first completely thaws and dries out. We still have enough budget contingency dollars to pay for this.

They're hoping within the next 7 to 10 days to apply for a temporary occupancy license but are not sure they'll get it with the issues they're having. We could get temporary occupancy by April 1st. A building cleaning is needed first though that includes window washing, vacuuming, etc. We still have the furniture from the previous activity center and can move that in after receiving temporary occupancy.

3) PASTORAL TEAM REPORTS

a. Fr. Mike:

Regarding the AoD audit report of our parish, it doesn't reflect the hard work our parish has done to keep records in order and it comes across adversarial in areas where they consider us as not having proper procedures in place. They need to remember that a lot of parish work is done by volunteers.

Sr. JoAnn provided some feedback regarding the new activity center construction. Frank MacDonell (Director of Buildings from the AoD) likes what our parish did so much, led by Jim and Paul, that he wants to emulate it at other parishes like a consulting group. We are proactive with maintenance and plan ahead, and other parishes may not be as much as we are. Frank likes that about us.

4) ENRICHMENT REFLECTION FEEDBACK

The Archdiocese of Detroit, Parish, Vicariate and Archdiocesan Councils Handbook, rev. 10/13, Part One, Chapter 1, was read by members prior to the meeting and reflection feedback was provided.

Mike asked when we read this, did it match with our thoughts on what we thought the Council was prior to our reading it? Or was it new information to us? The floor was opened for comments. Bob asked a clarifying question to ensure this was the same document Council went over several years ago, and Virginia confirmed it is, and Mike commented there's nobody here from then. Bob then commented in the prior review that it was about 75% accurate that Council then was doing what the handbook suggested and that the differences weren't anything major. Mike commented the first thing that jumped out at him was evangelization and that it's a primary thing for us to do as a parish and Council. Bob commented evangelization should be woven into everything that we do. Fr. Mike commented that evangelization has always been a part of the world-wide church from its earliest days, but that it's only been in more recent times that parishioners have had a more significant role. More discussion and feedback occurred amongst Parish Council (PC) and it was decided that a current, deeper look into the

AoD Handbook might be beneficial, and since the comparison may take several months to perform, potentially spanning over the Summer, that it makes sense for returning PC members to perform.

A new committee was formed to compare the following 3 sets of documents to each other and to make recommendations: 1) AoD Handbook, 2) SMCC Parish Council Constitution & Bylaws, and 3) SMCC Parish Policies. Committee members consist of Renato, Karen, Laurie, and Dave, and Virginia is going to ask Jamey if he wants to be on it too. Laurie kindly informed us that she will be unavailable until after Easter.

5) BREAK

A break was taken with refreshments provided by Susie Waddell.

6) PASTORAL TEAM REPORTS (continued)

- b. Fr. Tim:** No report (absent).
- c. Pastoral Associate - Laurie:** Lenten and Triduum celebrations continue. Please join us for “Priest, Prophet, King” on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.
- d. Vicariate Report – Phyllis Rizzi:** Absent (excused). Per written update provided via e-mail on February 24, 2015, Fr. Michael Cooney will be our new Vicar and the next meeting will not be until the end of March. Phyllis will have a report for our April meeting.

7) CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT / PARISHIONERS’ VIEWPOINT

8) OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- b. Activity Center (continued):** Fr. Mike asked for suggestions on what to name the new activity center. Please send your suggestions to Renato who will compile them into one list.
- c. Dedication Ceremony for Activity Center:**

9) NEW BUSINESS

None.

10) ROUND TABLE

Virginia: Per written Christian Service report read into the record:

“This month during our CS Meeting, we will begin taking nominations for officers: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary & PC Rep – Vote will be completed in May. Also, we will be asking for a few volunteers to form a sub-committee to review the CS objectives for the PC goals. We are currently planning a Community Supper with the help of the K of C & Youth Group. The Community Supper is tentatively scheduled for April 17, where anyone in need is welcome. We will tap into SVDP, Good Shepherd Coalition, Christian Service, local schools & St. Ronald’s to gather our friends in need. We have another Senior Home Visit scheduled for end of April at Atria Shorehaven, this time we will be assisting them as

they put on their "Senior Prom." We are hoping to get a mixture of parishioners in order to dress up, join us and dance with some of the seniors."

Virginia: Per written Education Commission report distributed to PC:

"In an effort to evangelize the baptized, FLT and Youth ministry are sponsoring "Prayer and the Little Seed" on Friday, March 13 at 7pm in church. It will replace the Stations of the Cross, which will resume on Friday the 20th. This presentation is a visually stunning prayer experience using music, lights and projection mapping over 6 screens. It is an original production by Band-Ayd Systems International, a company owned by parishioner Susan DeBenedetti. The production has been previewed and approved by Claudia and Cathy. We have advertised it throughout the Central and North Macomb vicariates and in our Messenger for the past 2 weeks. There are also large posters in each gathering space. Flyers will be stuffed in the Messenger for this week end. (Virginia, please pass out the flyers)

Cathy Mac is also leading her annual church circle tour on Sunday, March 15. It is primarily for first graders and their families but anyone may come. It's a chance to talk about coming to mass and participating, and to explore all the nooks and crannies. We circle the entire worship space, gathering spaces, sacristy and Eucharistic chapel including the tabernacle. We talk about respect and reverence and we have some fun learning. The hope is that parents will make coming to church the "norm" in their family. This is another attempt to evangelize the baptized."

Renato: Renato asked whether it's time yet for us to begin searching for new PC members. Discussion followed and comments suggested it was too early for a Messenger article, however, PC can certainly look for potential candidates.

11) MEETING CLOSING

a. Closing Prayer – Attendees read a closing prayer led by Sr. JoAnn Lucas.

b. Next Meeting – April 7, 2015

c. Meeting Adjournment – 9:08 PM by Mike Sandelich. Bob motioned to adjourn and Renato seconded it.