

St Michael Catholic Community
Parish Council Minutes
March 20, 2012

Present - Fr. Mike, Virginia Chadwick, Keith McKenzie, Bob Murphy, Nancy Dillon, Sr. Arlene, Elvera Paul, Shane Smith, Laurie Hall, Kim Kook, Debbie Olszewski, Sr. JoAnn Lucas

Absent – Fr. Tim, Deacon Larry, Phyllis Rizzi

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

Reading of the Mission Statement - All

Opening Prayer – Elvera Paul

Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2012 minutes were approved

Enrichment: Chapter 7 Parish Financial Councils – Sr. JoAnn

- The Stewardship Commission has been performing the role of the Parish Financial Council at St. Michael and will serve both purposes in the future under the title of Parish Financial Council and Stewardship Commission.
- Most, if not all of the requirements specified in Chapter 7 have already been encompassed into the work of the Commission.
- By Canon Law, the Finance Council functions as co-equal to the Parish Council. They have the responsibility to inform and collect input from the Parish Council; but the ultimate responsibility for financial decisions rests with the Finance Council.

Pastoral Team Reports

- Fr. Mike: Comments were previously distributed by email to the Council. Primary topics included:
 - CLT: Feels like we are off to a good start with over \$600,000 pledged during the first weekend. We have a long way to go to meet the goal of \$2.5M to fund the new Activity Center. Additional follow-up activities will begin in a few weeks.
 - Living Stations of the Cross: Previewed the presentation by the Youth Group and felt that it was very moving. Encouraged attendance at the March 30 event.
 - Discussed a benefit fundraiser for Nino Di Benedetti who is suffering from brain cancer. It is being held on Tuesday March 27 at the Sterling Inn and he encouraged participation and prayers.
 - A communal sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated at SMCC on Monday March 26 at 11:00 AM.
 - Fr. Tim is scheduled to return on April 10.

- Stations of the Cross will again be celebrated at 4:00 on Good Friday at Resurrection Cemetery.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in the Triduum liturgies with us.

Council Chairperson's Report / Parishioners Viewpoint – Virginia

- No VMEs or other input was received.

Old Business

- Changing Lives Together Campaign – Fr. Mike
 - See comments in the Pastoral Team Reports

New Business

- Together in Faith Update – Fr. Mike
 - We need to develop a plan for the clustering activity with St. Ronald should it become necessary. He has initiated some discussion with Fr. George, and a contingency plan will be due in June.

Commission Committee Reports (ID when minutes were distributed)

- Vicariate Report – Phyllis
 - No report
- Stewardship – Sr. JoAnn
 - Minutes from the Feb 19 meeting were distributed. Minutes from the March 19 meeting will be distributed in the near future.
- Christian Service – Sr. Arlene
 - Provided a hard copy of the minutes at the meeting. Indicated that activities were slowing down a bit after a very busy holiday season.
- Education
 - No report – next meeting in May
- Worship – Laurie
 - Met and brainstormed some objectives for the PC Goals
- Youth – Virginia
 - Commented on the Living Stations of the Cross scheduled for March 30 at 7:00 PM, Timothy Awards, Good Friday passion readings, and making chocolate.

Roundtable

- Nancy commented on the Diabetes sessions being held over four Mondays in April
- Keith proposed a common template to track goals and objectives which was approved and will be distributed with the minutes.
- Bob indicated that a St. Vincent de Paul drop box for small item donations would be located in the parking lot in early May.

Assessment – All

- No input

Closing Prayer – Elvera Paul

Meeting Adjournment – 8:09 PM

Next Meeting – April 17, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Keith McKenzie
Secretary