

## St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2015

*"Centered in the Eucharist, we will strive to rejuvenate our Parish and bring people to Jesus Christ."*

**Present:** Jen Cooke, Don Felix, Don McKeown, Pat Hotchkiss, Father Jim, Eric Dryja, Tim Neel, Tim Meyer, Ted Kolankowski, Shawn Baker, Pete Coggiola, Bonnie King, Amy Youngers

**Opening Prayer:** Based on Psalm 16, given by Ted

Meeting began at 7:05.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** March 12, 2015 minutes; Tim M motioned to approve the minutes as written. Don M seconded. All were in favor.

### Old Business

**Fund Raising Committee:** 215 fish dinners were sold. Profit made was \$1003.02, including about \$200 collected from selling extra desserts. Some extra desserts were also put in the freezer for the free meal.

**Faith Formation Committee:** The committee is working on name tags for ministers. A new Welcoming Committee is in place. Members include Bonnie King, Helen Whaley and Barb Wolinski. Suggestions were made to change the form of announcements to include a welcoming sentiment. Book study will take place for **Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** from April 7<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The suggestion was made to include pictures of our parish youth in displays at church. Marriage Enrichment activity is being discussed for sometime in the summer. An updated directory is also being discussed. Chuck King will be contacted for information.

**Community Life:** The next meeting will be held in May. Thank-you to all those who participated in the Easter lily sale.

**Vicariate:** No current vicar, no recent meeting

**Technology Committee:** Jen is setting up an e-mail address specifically for website content and looking into photo album set-up.

**Youth Ministry:** Two Confirmation retreats have been held in conjunction with Saint Isadore's. Tenebrae was held last Sunday. Confirmation will take place at on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The Senior Recognition mass will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Gerry Ignatz is retiring. Please thank him for his MANY years of service to the youth of our parish. Jen will be teaching high school classes next year.

**Census:** Pat and Pete will soon be meeting. Approximately 140 forms have been returned. The Confirmation class will fill them out on Sunday. Please let Pete or Pat know if you are able to help with phone calls.

**New Business:**

**Survey Results:** Jen reported on results of an on-line survey about what parents want from church. The majority of parents (63%) reported that they always wanted to feel welcome at church.

**Welcoming Committee:** Bonnie King was present to talk about the newly formed Welcoming Committee. Since May 2012 we have had 39 new parishioners. After two years, 50% of RCIA candidates are no longer active in their parish. We need to find some way to make them want to stay. Currently cards are being sent to all new parishioners. This will continue. Two weeks after the welcoming card, a packet will be sent as a follow-up. These packets will include a welcome letter from Father Jim, a Catholic yearbook, a brochure with information about ministries and their contact person, basic Catholic prayers and a bookmark. Bonnie will be asking for \$350.00 from the Endowment Fund to make fifty of the packets. After a couple of weeks, there will be a follow-up phone call made to ask some questions.i

***Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2015.***

Shawn volunteered to lead the opening prayer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19.

The closing prayer was led by Father Jim.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Youngers, Parish Council Secretary