

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014

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

Present: Shawn Baker, Jen Cooke, Fr. Jim Hartwell, Pat Hotchkiss, Ted Kolankowski, Don McKeown, Tim Meyer, Eric Dryja, Al Ferreira, Amy Youngers

Excused: Tim Neel, Don Felix, Pete Coggiola

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Prayer and reflection on mercy and how we can make mercy part of the New Evangelization was offered by Don McKeown.

Meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Al Ferreira was introduced as a guest who came to speak about fund raising.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: October 9, 2014 minutes; Tim motioned to approve the minutes as written. Pat seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

Fund Raising Committee: Father, Pat and Al met last Monday, November 3, to discuss fundraising ideas. There are several ideas including fish fry, wine tasting, basket raffle, quilt raffle, and BBQ.) The focus will be on March, after the holidays. Ideas may be combined. They would like to see possibly three different fund raisers with different groups of people to take charge. The success of any fund raiser is dependent on securing enough people to help with the event. Ted and Tim will look at the option of baking fish. Pat is looking into wine tasting. Al will speak at the masses this weekend about the financial aspect of raising church funds. Father will speak next weekend about the importance of using your time and talents. The importance of checking community calendars before scheduling was discussed.

Faith Formation Committee: There has been no meeting.

Community Life: There has been no new meeting. Pat and Mary Kolankowski are working on a quilt raffle.

Vicariate Report: There has been no meeting. A new vicar is in place from Oakfield.

Technology Committee: Links of Interest page has been added. An announcement will be put on the website and Facebook as a trial run to announce the pies requested for the Wyoming County jail.

Youth Ministry: Jen and Nancy Hulme are scheduled to complete another hands on activity this Sunday, November 16, with grades 9-12.

Census: Father, Pat and Pete are working on the census. Active/Inactive lists are being completed along with Anchor/Transfer-In families. Shut-ins will be included on the active list. A draft of the census worksheet was discussed. Ideas were discussed about the best way to get information back. Handing out blank sheets (without names and addresses) may be the most effective. These can be returned in the collection with follow-up phone calls being made to parishioners on the member list who do not return one. Census work will start in January.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with a motion by Shawn, seconded by Ted.

The closing prayer was offered by Father Jim.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Youngers, Parish Council Secretary