

## St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2014

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

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

**Excused:** Patricia Hotchkiss, Tim Neel

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer and reflection led by Jen.

Meeting began at 7:04.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** November 13, 2014 minutes; Tim motioned to approve the minutes as written. Don M. seconded. All were in favor.

### Old Business

**Fund Raising Committee:** Fundraising is a work in progress. Ted had prices on chickens, pork loins and tilapia.

**Faith Formation Committee:** Judy Zon has been left a message. Patricia Brown has been contacted and is not able to be part of this committee anymore. Parish council will set a meeting date and work to get this committee off the ground again. Amy will contact John Grover for names of past members. Don M offered to help contact these members. The first goal for the new committee will be to complete the Ministry Fair started last year.

**Community Life:** January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Rally for Life in Washington D.C. The committee would like more people from the parish to join them. They are looking into renting a van.

**Vicariate Report:** Minutes from the lay vicariate meeting were passed out. Jen will check to see if Deb Gillen could get a copy to Parish Council after every meeting. Father mentioned that there is an upcoming Diocese Capital Campaign.

**Technology Committee:** The website is running smoothly. Jen will be adding e-mail links for the chair people of Parish Council and various committees. These links can be updated to reach the current chairs. Photo albums can be added. The possibility of on-line donations was discussed. The Finance Committee will look into the cost efficiency of this option.

**Youth Ministry:** After learning about the importance of using our time and talents, the third grade made a rosary for the church. After the new year, this will be blessed by Father and become a

travelling rosary for our parish community. The fourth grade made Christmas ornaments. They will be hanging on the Christmas trees in church. Everyone will be invited to take one home for Christmas. Jen shared ***God's Snowflakes***, a poem used with the high school classes last Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Amy will check with Tim about photo releases and then give Jen photos from the rosary construction and the program –wide Advent prayers for the website if possible.

**Census:** No updates

**New Business:**

- This Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Council has been invited to help the high school religious education classes wrap gifts to hand out at the Christmas masses.
- As we prepare for the Catholics Come Home Campaign, it is important to remember we all represent the Church. In our words and actions we want to be helping to build the Kingdom by welcoming all of God's children.
- There is a possibility of forming a Catholic Men of Wyoming County group. This would be an informal group that would help churches in the county. More information to follow.

***Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>.***

Father Jim volunteered to lead the opening prayer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 with a motion by Tim, seconded by Don M.

The closing prayer was offered by Father Jim.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Youngers, Parish Council Secretary