

## St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014

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

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

Excused: Tim Neel

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Prayer and reflection on the virtue of patience was offered by Shawn Baker.

Meeting began at 7:04 pm

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** September 11, 2014 minutes; Ted motioned to approve minutes with correction of two typos. Under Old Business (Constitution), according was changed to accordingly. Under New Parish Hall, “and” was removed in second sentence. Don M seconded. All were in favor.

### Old Business

**Ministry Booklet Content Review:** After discussion to review the content, the following changes were decided upon:

- Welcoming Packet to New Parishioners (pg. 8) – remove Easter CD and questionnaire as they are not sent anymore (as per Community Life Report). Including a prayer booklet was suggested in its place, along with information for the Parish website, ministries and the Parish office phone number. It was decided that Father, Jen, Helen and Shelia will work together to make a flyer to include with the welcome packets.
- Knights of Columbus (pg. 5) – Add Tim Meyer.
- Add Respect Life Committee – Joe and Cyndi Rebisz, Ted and Mary Kolankowski
- Add Fundraising Committee.
- Booklet to be reviewed every fall.

**Family Quick List Content** was discussed. If kept up to date, it is a useful tool to contact prospective help for committees, etc. Confidentiality is a concern. As a result of this discussion; Tim M made a motion, seconded by Pat to keep one hard copy with the Parish Council secretary and to have all other current copies shredded. All approved. Shelia has this information also if needed.

**Fund Raising Committee:** No new information to report. Father, Pat and Al Ferreira are currently on this committee and looking for new members.

**Faith Formation Committee:** (Pete, Shawn, Eric, Don M members) Judy Zon and Patricia Brown were the former chairpersons of the original two committees. It was decided that Parish Council needs to step in and get this committee started as one group. Eric will contact Judy and Patricia.

**Community Life:** Cindy Kiel brought in a report that will be included with the minutes for this month. Ted has fact cards on stages of life. Enough will be ordered to include in bulletins. Life Chain was successful. Crosses (which form an arrow to the Blessed Mother) will remain in place until October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Vicariate Report:** There have been no meetings lately. One is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Deb Gillen will attend and report back to Father.

**Technology Committee** updates were given by Jen. The website is up and running. It includes bulletins, calendars, ministry schedules, announcements, etc. Suggestions were made to include links to Catholic Charities, the Vicariate and daily readings. It was noted that daily readings are available on usccb.org. It was agreed that the website is very useful and user friendly. Jen said the site is a work in progress and requested feedback/comments to be e-mailed to her.

**Youth Ministry** updates given by Jen. Middle School Retreat on September 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Pictures are included on the website. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Jen and Nancy Hulme completed a hands on activity with eighteen 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to learn more about their faith and what it means to them. These hands on sessions will be continued once a month until January.

### **New Business**

**Census Discussion:** Census is needed as part of the New Evangelization. It will help us to find members of the parish who have not been to church in a while. Ted mentioned the Catholics Come Home commercials and posters available for church doors. The diocese is working on a committee to train people for evangelization. An ad hoc committee was formed to lead the census. Pete and Pat volunteered.

**Other Items:** Don M suggested reinstituting the Saint Michael prayer at the end of masses. Father will look into it.

***Our next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014.***

Don M volunteered to lead the opening prayer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

The closing prayer was offered by Father Jim.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Youngers, Parish Council Secretary