

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 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, Cindy Kiel, Amy Youngers

Excused: Pete Coggiola, Shawn Baker

Opening Prayer: An explanation of God by an eight year old led by Tim Meyer

Meeting began at 7:04.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2015 minutes; Tim M motioned to approve the minutes as written. Pat seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

Fund Raising Committee: Plans for the fish bake are progressing. The permit was obtained this week and the volunteer list is filling in. Additional volunteers and desserts are needed. Please contact Pat if you can help.

Faith Formation Committee: This committee will meet on the third Thursday of the month. They are focusing on the Catholics Come Home campaign and looking for ways to make Saint Michael's more welcoming. Name tags have been obtained for greeters. LeAnne Ferreira spoke at the Ash Wednesday masses about coming home to the church. Catholic cards were placed in all of the pews for distribution. New members are always welcome.

Community Life: Cindy Kiel was present to distribute a report on program updates and proposed activities from Community Life. Joyce Ignatz has agreed to coordinate juice and donuts this summer. The Parish Picnic will be June 14th. Community Life would like to see Senior Recognition Mass be the same date. Cindy will check on dates for school proms and let Tim Neel know. Community Life would like to invite the WACY group to do Shadow Stations and provide pizza again next year. Karen Karawzyk will be contacted for dates. The Knights of Columbus received thank-yous from individuals who received money to pay for bus rides for the March for Life. Knights of Columbus will also be selling Easter lilies. Preorder forms will be in the pews. Lilies will be delivered on March 29th. Ted reported that Congress had the opportunity to provide legal protection for the unborn, but did not pass the required legislation to do so. Community Life always welcomes new members. They are also willing to collaborate with other committees and welcome requests from Parish Council for specific needs to be addressed.

Vicariate: Father was unable to attend the last meeting. The diocese is promoting "The Light Is On" campaign. This Tuesday and next, Father will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Hour.

Technology Committee: Jen is looking into Flock Note (a mass texting service for parishes). Videos are included on the parish website. Currently they are from the bishop's "Consider This" collection. Jen will post a reminder to return Census forms.

Youth Ministry: Elementary Stations of the Cross will be March 20th. First Penance will take place on March 21st. The Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled for March 22nd. Tenebrae will take place on March 29th. Confirmation will be celebrated on April 26th. First Communion will be celebrated on May 17th. Sam and Dan Ott will be attending World Youth Day. Different fundraising options were discussed (announcements to the parish, spaghetti dinner, Endowment Fund). Father will look more at these options as payment deadlines approach.

Census: Pat met with Sheila and picked up 119 forms. This represents approximately one third of the forms mailed. Bulletin and website reminders to return Census forms will be made. All responses will be confidential. After Easter, phone calls will be made for forms not returned. If you are willing to help with these calls, let Pat know.

New Business:

Diocesan Workshops: Dennis Mahaney is willing to come to Saint Michael's to present workshops. Jen will check to see if he has a list of available workshops to choose from. Let Jen know if you have any specific ideas.

Council Meeting Minutes: Currently, copies of approved meeting minutes sent to Sheila are for parish record. Some parishioners have asked about making meeting minutes available to all. After discussion, it was decided to make approved minutes available on the parish website. If anyone would like a hard copy, they can contact Sheila. Amy should also send periodic summaries of meetings to be included in the bulletin.

Ministry Booklet: This booklet should be updated on a biannual basis. Let Jen know if you are able to work with Sheila on this project.

New Member Recruitment: The vice chairperson is in charge of looking for possible new candidates. Names should be submitted in May. Terms are up for Jen, Pat and Eric. If you have any ideas, give names to Don M.

New Directory: Is it time for a new parish directory? The Faith Formation Committee will look into this.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015. The May meeting has been rescheduled for May 7th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14.

The closing prayer was led by Father Jim.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Youngers, Parish Council Secretary