

# St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

## May 17, 2022

### I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

The meeting began after a meal with hamburgers cooked on the grill. Fr. Courtright led the opening prayer. He asked that everyone go around the table and introduce themselves. Guests included our Liturgy & Music Coordinator Emily White, Deacon Matt Kensok who will be at St. Michael's for the summer, and newly-elected council member Sean Valentine. The other newly-elected member, Rhonda Varriano, was unable to attend that night.

### II. Organizational & Routine Matters

- **Roll Call: Present:** Fr. Courtright, Janet Burns, Kevin Fruhwirth, John Santangelo, Judy Jahnke, Craig Pfau, Lori Swinney, Katie Graham, Sean Valentine, Mary Ann Whalen  
**Absent:** Jeri Anderson, Tim Brooke, Rhonda Varriano, Tom Helbling
- **Approval of Minutes:** A correction was made by Fr. Courtright to the April minutes. While our Bishop has given permission for a priest to say up to two or three Masses on Sundays, only one Mass is permitted on weekdays. Lori Swinney then motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Craig Pfau. Minutes approved.

### III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** Judy Jahnke reported that the Altar Society served a wedding reception on Sat., May 14, and was serving the Confirmation/First Communion reception on Sat., May 21. St. Margaret's Group planned to make 80 dozen doughnuts in the coming week. They will be sold after Masses the first weekend in June and preorders can be picked up May 24.
- **Men's Club:** The Men's Club might be disbanded. The Knights of Columbus will pick up some of the workload of the Men's Club such as the Parish Picnic & Fish Fries and maybe the Month of Money.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Craig Pfau reported the Knights made \$3129.34 on the Meat Raffle. The money will be distributed among the seminarians. The KC's plan to be in the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 19. At the state convention, Kevin Boehm became the new State Deputy.
- **Bridge Builders:** Lori Swinney reported the new playground was dedicated on Sunday, May 15. There were hot dogs, chips, cupcakes, drinks, & games starting at noon. Fr. Courtright did the dedication at 12:15 pm. At the Bridge Builders annual meeting which followed, Marie & Ron Timpe talked about the organization. The Bridge Builders was started in 1974. It funds various things for St. Michael's School. As of 3/31/22, it had \$852,526.28 in the Catholic Development Foundation and \$8890.56 in the checking account. This makes a total of \$861,416.84.

#### IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Education Board:** Katie Graham reported there will soon be a final draft of the Parent-Student Handbook. Two new teachers have been hired. The school is still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher. This year Principal Dudley has been doing a lot of individual tours instead of a group one.
- **Finance Council:** No financial report had been sent out to the Parish Council members. Fr. Courtright said business manager Tom Helbling did not need to come to our meetings. Members asked if perhaps a representative from the Finance Council could attend our meetings. Janet Burns said maybe she could ask Joan Mangino to come.
- **Pastor's Report:**  
Fr. Courtright reported that Fr. Bill Sherman's funeral was held Tuesday, May 10, at St. Michael's. Fr. Sherman certainly had a great influence on St. Michael's during his many years here. He was one of a kind. The parish has received monetary donations in his memory.

Fr. Courtright passed out prayer cards with a prayer to be said for the priest celebrating the Mass. They'll be put in the pews—perhaps in the missal book pockets.

Fr. Courtright also talked about upcoming changes (**detailed under "New Business" in the minutes**).

#### V. Old & Current Business:

- **Sanctuary Renovation:** Fr. Courtright hopes to put together a committee to work on this. He'd like to perhaps get Delores Hackenberg and maybe someone with a degree in architecture to be on the committee. He mentioned that it would be nice to have the Stations of the Cross painted.
- **Picture Directory:** Sister Christina is making calls about this. It's hard to find a company that does parish picture directories anymore. A softcover book if we did it ourselves would cost about \$4.00 per book.

#### VI. New Business:

- **Changes in Daily Mass Schedule:**  
Fr. Courtright again talked about the upcoming changes in the weekday Mass schedule. The changes are tentatively scheduled to take place in Sept. after the Labor Day weekend. He again explained that priests are supposed to say **only one Mass on weekdays**. Because we have only two priests and there are other Masses such as the school Mass and the nursing home Mass, the current schedule cannot be maintained. Therefore, the 5:15 pm Masses will be dropped as well as the Friday 7:15 am Mass. This leaves the 7:15 am Mass on the other weekdays and the 12:10 pm Mass on Fridays. However, the Newman Center will have afternoon weekday Masses that might be helpful for people's schedules.
- **Confessions:** The 7:30 pm Saturday confession time will be dropped. On weekdays, confessions will still be held 15 min. before & 15 min. after the weekday Masses as well as at 4 pm Saturday.
- **Adoration:** Another change considered will be the day of the week for **Adoration** at St. Michael's. Currently it is every Tuesday. However, it probably will be changed to Mondays when there might be fewer conflicts in using the church.

- **Parish Picnic:** Fr. Courtright reported the Parish Picnic is scheduled for Wed., June 15, at Lincoln Park. This surprised a number of council members since the picnic has been held in July in recent years & many preferred it be in July. He said he would check with the parish staff. However, the day after the council meeting, Michele from the parish office emailed Janet Burns & Mary Ann Whalen. The date of the picnic needed to remain on June 15 because all the details were in the upcoming bulletin, the park shelters had been reserved, & the grill rented.

## **VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

The Parish Council won't meet in June or July but will meet in August. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7 pm.

Deacon Matt Kensok led everyone in a prayer for Ukraine.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Whalen