

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

November 15, 2022

I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

President Janet Burns called the meeting to order & Fr. Courtright led the opening prayer.

II. Organizational & Routine Matters

- **Roll Call: Present:** Fr. Courtright, Janet Burns, John Santangelo, Sean Valentine, Rhonda Varriano, Judy Jahnke, Craig Pfau, Katie Graham, Mary Ann Whalen
Absent: Jeri Anderson, Tim Brooke, Lori Swinney
- **Approval of Minutes:** Sean Valentine motioned that both the Sept. & Oct. meetings' minutes be approved. Seconded by John Santangelo. Motion passed.

III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** Judy Jahnke reported that the Altar Society was meeting next on Dec. 1. There was a general church cleaning on Nov. 19. The Fall Breakfast on Oct. 16 did well. There was approximately a \$3700 profit from everything. A lot of baked goods were left over. A council member suggested that maybe next year the Altar Society could start selling the baked goods after the 5 pm Saturday Mass. Judy Jahnke is stepping down as the Altar Society's representative on the Parish Council. This was her last meeting.
- **Men's Club:** Fr. Courtright said he talked with Pete Bouley and the Men's Club is going to try to keep going. They might do something after the first of the year to invite young men. Maybe it could be tied in with Eucharistic Adoration. The Men's Club charters the Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts—the KC's aren't able to do so.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Craig Pfau reported the KC's took care of the luncheon served when the Special Olympics had their State Bowling Tournament at Red Ray Lanes. Fr. Courtright said things like this should be put in the bulletin so people would know what all the KC's do.
- **Bridge Builders:** This year's Bridge Builders Mass was scheduled for 9 am on Sun., Nov. 20. The "Tree of Lights" lighting ceremony was scheduled for Dec. 8.

IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Board of Education:** Katie Graham said enrollment is steady: 4 new students and lost 11. Board members talked at the Masses Oct. 29-30 about Giving Hearts Day. They'll talk again about it after the Gala. We already have a corporate matching donor. The Board of Education would like a policy or committee about Safety. They want a "responsive" approach versus a "reactive" approach. They wondered if maybe there could be a cross-committee of both the parish & school. Members of the Parish Council were in favor of this. It was mentioned that more lights were needed in the parking lot. We need to make sure the handicapped entrance is shoveled & sanded. Maybe the Reverse Auction at the Gala could be for "security."
- **Finance Council:** Fr. Courtright said we're doing well.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- ◇ Fr. Courtright reported that security was talked about at the staff meeting. We might start closing up the church early on weekdays.
- ◇ The Community Christmas Eve Dinner will again be at Hope Church in the Grand Cities Mall this year (St. Michael's partnering with Hope). Ham will be served instead of turkey.
- ◇ Fr. Courtright asked if anyone had looked at the Eucharistic Revival sites on the internet.
- ◇ St. Michael's sanctuary was featured on the cover of the November issue of the *New Earth*.

V. Old & Current Business:

- **Picture Directory:** We hope to reschedule picture-taking days for the church directory in Jan. Some of the days in Nov. were cancelled due to the bad weather.
- **Winter Gala:** Tom Helbling spoke at all the Masses the weekend of Nov. 12-13 about the Gala. Janet Burns reported there will be some great games at it this year. There will be a "Pig Wheel", pull-tabs, and Bingo. It was brought up that maybe the Parish Council could put some money towards the Gala.
- **Sanctuary Renovation:** Fr. Courtright asked if maybe we should marbleize (with paint) the pillars in the church.

VI. New Business:

- **Put Pastor's Notes in the Bulletin:** Fr. Courtright asked Janet Burns to let him know when something should be put in the bulletin.

VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

It was decided not to meet in December. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17.
Fr. Courtright led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Whalen