

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

March 22, 2022

I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

President Janet Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Fr. Courtright led the opening prayer.

II. Organizational & Routine Matters

- **Roll Call: Present:** Fr. Courtright, Janet Burns, Kevin Fruhwirth, Jeri Anderson, Tim Brooke, John Santangelo, Kevin Boehm, Katie Graham, Craig Pfau, Mary Ann Whalen
Absent: Judy Jahnke, Lori Swinney, Tom Helbling
- **Approval of Minutes:** Craig Pfau motioned to approve the Feb. minutes. Seconded by Kevin Fruhwirth. Minutes approved.

III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** There will be a general church cleaning at 9 am on Saturday, April 9.
- **Men's Club:** Kevin Boehm reported that the first of the two Fish Fries was held March 4. \$4411 gross was taken in. The profit will be about \$1800. Approximately 320 meals were served—down about 130 people from last year. They had enough help. The extra food went to St. Anne's & the Mission.
The next Fish Fry will be April 8.
Kevin Boehm is stepping down as President of the Men's Club after seven years. There are very few active members in the Men's Club anymore. Fr. Courtright asked if maybe it was time for the Men's Club to dissolve. First we'd need to sincerely thank the many men involved over the years/decades for everything the Men's Club has done.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Craig Pfau reported that the Meat Raffle tickets are now being sold: 500 tickets this year. The drawing is May 1. The council donated \$250 to the Newman Center Bike Race.
The KC State Convention is the end of April. A Corpus Christi procession is planned for June.
The Shamrock Sale for the Home on the Range went well. Recently the KC's had a special Holy Hour in Fargo and \$4800 was raised to give to Ukrainian relief. The council will have another membership drive on April 3. The Columbian Club on University Ave. closed earlier this year and the property has been sold.
- **Bridge Builders:** No report.

IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Education Board:** Katie Graham reported the school is still doing a self-evaluation. The Board meets on March 31 and will review changes in the Handbook.
- **Finance Council:** Tom Helbling had sent out to Parish Council members the Financial Report for February. The Finance Council last met March 15. Some highlights of the report included:
 - Church Income: The Sunday Collection is up nearly \$9000 over last Feb.
 - The \$11,850 raised from the Reverse Auction at the Gala for the Marble Altar has been added to the Sanctuary fund.
 - Giving Hearts Day was extremely successful.
 - The Home & School Assn. brought in \$10,553--primarily from the SCRIP Raffle and Bingo held at the school last month.

- The Men's Club donated \$1500 for basketball backboards.
- Heating costs are up but overall church expenses are down a little compared to last Feb.
- The Income-Expense for February is - \$14,524 (in the red), but this is about \$20,000 less than what it was last February.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Courtright asked the Parish Council members to think about people to ask to be on a committee for the Sanctuary renovation. Renovation work will include replacing the carpet, painting the ceiling, and getting a more substantial altar. He said it will cost about \$92,000 to repaint the ceiling (scaffolds, etc.) He passed out booklets printed just after the church was last repainted: *St. Michael's Church--A Guided Tour: 2001*
- Fr. Courtright said Sister Christina has been helping out by going through a storage closet of parish miscellaneous & historical items. Decisions can then be made on what the parish really doesn't need to hold onto—such as ten-year-old timecards.
- Fr. Courtright asked Parish Council members if parishioners should have the option of using a kneeler when going to Communion. A few members said some people are afraid of Covid being spread when Communion is given on the tongue. Others said that anything that portrays reverence for Communion is important.
- Fr. Courtright asked if anyone knew the name of the person who does such a good job taking care of the corporal cloths.

V. Old & Current Business:

- **Sanctuary Renovation:** See Pastor's Report above.
- **Time & Talent Survey:** Fr. Courtright said we'll do one in the fall. First we need to go through the survey done last spring. Maybe Sara Dudley could do another presentation of the results.
- **Picture Directory:** Fr. Courtright says he hopes to get that going in the fall. He said the Parish still has boxes left over full of copies of the last directory.

VI. New Business:

- **Parish Council Election:** There will be two vacant seats to fill on the Parish Council—to replace Jennifer Modeen and Kevin Fruhwirth. This Parish Council election will coincide with the Board of Education election to be held during the weekend Masses on April 30—May 1. Fr. Courtright asked Tim Brooke to be in charge of coming up with candidates. They should have their bio & picture submitted to the parish office by April 7.

VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

There being no further business, President Janet Burns adjourned the meeting.

Fr. Courtright led the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be Tues., April 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Whalen