

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

April 19, 2022

I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

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

II. Organizational & Routine Matters

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

III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** There was a church cleaning on Sat., April 9. The Altar Society will serve the lunch after the "Anointing of the Sick" Healing Mass on Sat., April 23. Judy Jahnke has bought lamps for the rectory with the money raised by the Altar Society.
- **Men's Club:** No report.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Craig Pfau reported the Knights are taking over a lot of the things the Men's Club used to do—such as the Parish Picnic. They also helped with the Fish Fries. They did OK with the membership drive earlier in April. They will be serving ice cream after the Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions on April 24.
- **Bridge Builders:** Lori Swinney had sent an email saying the Bridge Builders have not met since Feb. The annual Spring Meeting is scheduled with a Dessert Social on Sunday, May 1, at 2 pm.

IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Education Board:** Katie Graham reported the school is still working on a self-evaluation and updating policies & procedures. A few new teachers will be hired.
- **Finance Council:** No report
- **Pastor's Report:**
Fr. Courtright had just come from a gathering in the church basement of the RICA class that had just been received into the church at Easter. He was very pleased to welcome the new members!
Fr. Courtright then talked about the schedule the priests have here at St. Michael's. It's really a schedule for three full-time priests & we only have two. He said priests are actually supposed to say only *one* Mass a day (although sometimes a Bishop will allow two or three on Sundays). Here at St. Michael's, Fr. Courtright's day off is on Mondays and Fr. Grossman is off on Fridays. On Tuesdays a Mass is said at the nursing home and the school Mass is on Thursdays. Therefore, Fr. Courtright would like to modify or trim our daily Mass schedule. He would like input from the Parish Council as to what should be done & how to communicate this to the parishioners.

V. Old & Current Business:

- **Parish Picture Directory:** Fr. Courtright asked for ideas about having a new pictorial directory. How do we promote it? Maybe take the pictures after the Masses along with free doughnuts? Maybe have prizes (Scrip gift cards?). Give people the option to send in their own pictures? Also, it could be tied in with the 150-year anniversary of our parish that we will be celebrating this year.
- **Sanctuary Renovation:** Fr. Courtright asked council members if they know anyone who would be interested in being on a committee for the Sanctuary Renovation. He would like them to start meeting in June.

VI. New Business:

- **Candidates for Parish Council:** We need to have candidates run for the two vacant seats in the upcoming Parish Council election. It will be held at the Masses the weekend of April 30—May 1. (The Board of Education has 4 candidates for 3 seats.) Names of people who might be interested were brought up at the council meeting and some of the members said they could check with them. Also, we'll put something in the bulletin to invite people to be candidates. A picture & short bio need to be turned into the Parish Office by Wed., April 27.
- **May Parish Council Meeting:** Council members decided to have the next meeting on Tues., May 17, with a meal first at 6 pm. We'll meet in the church basement instead of the pastoral center. Hamburgers will be grilled & council members decided what side dishes they would bring.

VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

There being no further business, President Janet Burns adjourned the meeting.
Fr. Courtright led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Whalen