

St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

April 20, 2021

Call to Order:

President Sheila Schreiner called the meeting to order.

II. Organizational & Routine Matters

- **Roll Call: Present:** Fr. Braun, Sheila Schreiner, Kevin Fruhwirth, Jeri Anderson, Kevin Boehm, Craig Pfau, Lori Swinney, Jennifer Loraas Tom Helbling, Mary Ann Whalen
Absent: Holly Brown-Borg, Jennifer Modeen, Judy Jahnke
- **Approval of Minutes:** Kevin Fruhwirth motioned to approve the March meeting's minutes. Seconded by Lori Swinney. Motion passed.

III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** Altar Society ladies served the luncheon after the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Mass held Sat., April 17.
- **Men's Club:** Kevin Boehm reported the Men's Club had not met yet. They will help with the parish picnic on July 21.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Craig Pfau reported the meat raffle is going great—only ten tickets left to sell. They named no "Family of the Month" for April because they didn't have any names. They are always looking for names of families in the parish to consider. Some parish council members then made a few suggestions. Craig also reported that a St. Mike's first-grader won the KC state art contest and received a plaque & \$75. Ken of our KC council won a prize for 2nd place in the state for selling shamrocks. The KC State Convention was great.
- **Bridge Builders:** Lori Swinney reported plans are coming along for the May 2 ice cream & dessert social. Fr. Braun is making homemade ice cream. Lori showed the T-shirts and nametags the Bridge Builders will wear at the social.

IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Education Board:** Jennifer Loraas reported on the plans for the playground refurbishment. The Bridge Builders will fund a significant portion of the cost for this. The Education Board will meet in May.
- **Finance Council:** Tom Helbling reported the Finance Council had just met. The March Financial Statement was given out to the Parish Council members. Adult Envelope contributions were up \$11,500 this March compared to last March. The plate contributions have been increasing in the past months. The parish received our quarterly disbursement from the Catholic Development Fund. We took in \$20,000 for SCRIP. The Income-Expense for the month is \$36,000. A council member suggested that we compare the 2021 figures with 2019 instead of 2020 because things were off in 2020 due to Covid.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - a) We are still planning to refurbish the church stained-glass windows.
 - b) A \$25,000 gift has been received from a parishioner to fix the front steps of the church.
 - c) A list of short-range projects for the parish buildings is being put together.
 - d) Lake Property Sale: The remaining \$180,000 was paid two weeks ago. \$100,000 of that goes

to the Men's Club scholarship program (to be added to the first \$100,000). The balance of \$80,000 goes to the refurbishment of the church.

- e) **Staff Changes:** Fr. Braun has received notice from Bishop Folda that he is being transferred to St. Anthony's Parish in Fargo the end of June. Fr. Raymond Courtwright who is currently at St. Anthony's will be coming to St. Michael's. (Fr. Grossman is staying here.) There will be a farewell reception for Fr. Braun on Sunday, June 20, after the 11 am Mass. Both Vern & Chris Langowski are retiring as of June 1 so we're looking for new custodians. Our Liturgy & Music Minister—Jeff McGee—is going back to being a pilot in Sept. so we'll need a replacement for him. Jackie Simon is the new secretary at the Parish Office, taking Lori Beckstead's place.

V. Old & Current Business:

- **Parish Re-Engagement:** Immediately preceding the Parish Council meeting, the Parish Re-Engagement Committee meeting was held. Sara Dudley was the facilitator. She had handouts and slides of the results of the parish survey recently taken. The data & patterns from the survey were discussed. Then committee members wrote down what might be considered a) strengths, b) weaknesses, c) opportunities, and d) threats (*for want of a better word*) for our parish. The committee will meet again on April 27.

VI. New Business:

- **Parish Council Elections:** Two parishioners have volunteered to run: Janet Burns & Sue Lund. Sheila Schreiner and Jennifer Modeen are working on getting more candidates. There are three open spots: two for 3 years & one for a two-year term.
- **Parish Picnic:** The parish picnic is planned for Wed., July 21, at Lincoln Park. It will follow 5:15 pm Mass at the park. We'll do things as done before for previous picnics. We'll advertise the picnic in the bulletin.
- We plan to have a year-end barbecue meal on May 18. It will be a combination Education Board—Parish Council gathering.

VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Sheila Schreiner then thanked Fr. Braun on behalf of all the Parish Council members for his dedicated service to the Parish over the past 17 years.

Kevin Boehm then motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Jeri Anderson. Motion carried & meeting closed. Fr. Braun led everyone in saying the Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Whalen