

**St. Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6pm with a group opening prayer. Members present: Darin Riherd, Becky Rayman, Deb Chekal, Doug DeMeulenaere, Ivan Alcott, Father Mike, Deacon Joe Behounek & Steph Babinat-Business Manager. Regret was: Doug Dvorak. Also present was Carolyn Silhanek & Marion Janss

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed; a quorum was not present for that meeting.

**Decision Items:**

- Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. That Sunday will also be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. The Christmas Eve Masses will be 4pm Tama & Chelsea and 6pm BP. Discussion was held on still having the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass at 8:30am Sunday, 4pm Saturday or not having it at all. After discussion it was decided it is not necessary to have a 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass.

**Discussion Items:**

- Masonry Issues: Renaissance Restoration looked at our masonry issues. Gave us the following proposal: \$16,638 for the NW Corner pier, \$10,870 for the Chimney, \$3350 for large round window and \$775 for sign repair. After discussion it was decided this project needs to be done very soon as there are major problems there which are causing problems inside. We do have \$10,000 from Agnes Kalina & \$5000 from Kathryn Zimmerman to use and have \$9000 in Capital Improvement. Could ask the Rosary ladies to make a donation and could use some from social concerns or the savings if needed. We will also put an announcement in the bulletin about the project and hope for some donations. Doug DeMeulenaere will call them and see if they can do the project on time and material with a cap of what was proposed. Darin will again talk to Alliant and Steph will get the proxy ready to go.
- Landscaping: Last meeting Trey presented many landscaping projects that need to be done. They include: 3 pine trees by Rectory-one leans toward church, sidewalk on 9<sup>th</sup> has a dropoff, take out sidewalk to Rectory, take out the hedges on the north side of the parking lot, have 8 different borders so need to just have all the same, bushes in front of the church need to go and the garage driveway needs replaced. After discussion it was decided to take out the end hedges on the north side of parking lot so people can see better-Joe and Roger Silhanek will do this. Darin will call the Nursery about the south evergreen tree. We also need to consider doing something with the sidewalk dropoff soon. The rest of the stuff we can do as we have funds available.

**Reports:**

**Cluster Council:** Meets on 8/29

**Finance & Administration:** Steph provided financials as of 8/8/17. We are \$1556 ahead of the same time last year.

**Spiritual Growth and Liturgy:** Trey is starting to have choir practice for Christmas

**Social Concerns:** Gave our yearly donation to the Ecumenical fund.

**Buildings and Grounds:** All of our above discussion was on buildings and grounds.

**Faith Formation:** Jackie surveyed the St. Michael parents about having all RE on Wednesday nights. She had 12 yes, 1 undecided and 1 no (and these kids missed 6 classes). She has decided that all RE will be on Wednesday nights beginning this year.

**Pastor's Report:** No report.

**New Business:** Fall Dinner is 11/5. Will be a Fall Dinner meeting on 8/21 at 6:30pm. They want to trade Mass times with Chelsea again. Steph will bring it up at the next Chelsea meeting. Carolyn Silhanek reported that she is working with the Nursery on placement of bushes, etc.

Next meeting: 11/14/17 at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm. Respectfully, Steph Babinat