Church of St. Michael Parish Council Minutes
August 25, 2011

Members Present: Mike Laughery, Jim Resop, Paul Curti, Karen Wallin, Marla Kramer, Fabian Yaklin, Tom Heither (via phone), Jim Anderson, and Maggie Stack

Members Absent: Fr Tom Sieg, Vicki Pierson, Dawn Folisi, and Patti Sotis

Meeting Convened: 7:03 PM

I. GATHERING TIME – 6:45 – 7:00 PM – Card signing (2)
II. OPENING - Prayer led by Mike Laughery
III. PARISHIONER INPUT – None
IV. EDUCATION – Paul Curti led discussion on Chapter 18 of "Pastoral Councils"
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ***Consensus decision; June 2011 minutes approved.***
VI. INFORMATION
   A. Administrative Report – Mike Laughery:
      1. 2010/2011 Budget Summary
         - Operation summary – Net income of $197,991. Prior to an accounting adjustment for accrued sick time, there was an $81,000 loss due to excess snow removal ($3K) and the school ministry ($78K).
         - Debt balance of $1,868,411. Going forward, the Capital Campaign interest expense and the income from Spring Fest and Catholic Services Appeal will be accounted for in the Operating Budget.
      2. Capital Campaign Update
         - The suggested goal will be $1.6MM over 4 years. Mike Laughery will serve as project manager. The Parish Council agreed with the recommendation not to hire a consultant. The Committee will seek Parishioner input regarding the Capital Campaign. The Planning Phase will begin in November.
      3. Building Security Update - two bids have been received and two are outstanding.
      4. Middle School Faith Formation Director
         - Karen Kassekert started in August. She'll work 20 hrs/week while completing her Master's Degree.
      5. Parking Lot Policy – Mike Laughery will be following up with the Archdiocese
   B. Calendar Review – Maggie Stack
      1. Executive Meeting: September 1st @ 6 PM
      2. Parish Council Retreat: September 9th & 10th at St. Paul's Monastery
      3. Parish Council Meeting: September 22nd @ 7 PM
      4. Greeting at Mass: August 28th @ 10:30
   C. Liaison Reports – Paul Curti
VII. PRAYER led by Mike Laughery
VIII. DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS
   A. Pastoral Vision
      1. Jim Resop spoke about the possibility of making St. Michael's debt free in four years.
   B. Council Corner
      1. Paul Curti will write about the Parish Council goals after the September retreat.
      2. Future topics will be discussed after the Parish Council Retreat.
   C. Fall Stewardship Appeal
      1. Marla Kramer distributed the campaign information
      2. The Appeal will run the first three weekends of October
         - October 1st/2nd: Special Guest Deacon Len Fuller and Pancake Breakfast
            a. Deacon Len Fuller will also meet with Parish Leadership the afternoon of October 1st.
         - October 8th/9th: Witnessing of Time/Talent, Ministry Procession, Ministry Fair 1
            a. Parish Council will have a table at Ministry Fair 1
         - October 15th/16th: Witnessing of Treasure, Ministry Fair 2, Hospitality after all masses
      3. Parish Council Commissioning - September 10th and 11th date was confirmed
   D. Parish Council Retreat
   E. Review of 2010/2011 Parish Council goals
      1. Paul Curti distributed goals and asked that the Council review prior to the retreat.
   F. Making the Church of St. Michael a more welcoming parish
      1. Paul Curti distributed the Top Six Recommendations asked that they be reviewed prior to the retreat.

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IX. CLOSING PRAYER led by Mike Laughery

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: 7pm Thursday September 22nd, 2011