



Church of St. Michael Parish Council Minutes Retreat - September 9-10, 2011

Members Present: Fr Tom Sieg, Mike Laughery, Vicki Pierson, Jim Resop (Saturday only), Jim Anderson, Paul Curti, Dawn Folisi, Tom Heither, Marla Kramer, Maggie Stack, Karen Wallin, and Fabian Yaklin,

Retreat Convened: September 9, 2011 at 7:15 PM

- I. FRIDAY GATHERING TIME – 6:00 – 7:15 PM – Card signing (2)
 - A. Paul Curti made two announcements: Parish Council Commissioning would not occur on September 10th/11th due to the activities planned for the anniversary of 9/11. It was decided that commissioning would occur on September 24th/25th.
 - B. Patti Sotis will be resigning from the Parish Council. Members agreed to contact a possible replacement. Maggie Stack will manage the October Card Ministry.
- II. OPENING - Prayer led by Tom Heither
- III. REVIEW OF 2010/2011 Council Year
 - A. Tom Heither read the highlights from past meeting agendas.
 - B. 2010/2011 Goals were reviewed
 1. Encourage the continued development of the stewardship committees: Marla Kramer reported significant accomplishments with great momentum!
 2. Develop a plan to make The Church of St. Michael a more welcoming parish: Parish Council developed six suggestions. Liaisons need to continue working with their committees to fully implement those that gain committee support.
 3. Develop a plan to track parish community engagement: It is a struggle to gather baseline data. Father Sieg noted that the Diocese would be requesting this information for a specific time period in the near future.
- IV. FRIDAY CLOSING – Prayer led by Tom Heither
- V. SATURDAY GATHERING – Prayer service with the Benedictine Sisters
- VI. OPENING – Prayer led by Tom Heither
- VII. GOAL SETTING –
 - A. Tom Heither led a brainstorming session where the following goals were identified:
 1. Develop and communicate a three to five year shared vision for the St. Michael's Parish Community
 - Paul Curti, Mike Laughery, Maggie Stack, Jim Anderson, and Jim Resop will further develop and champion this goal.
 2. Continue to Support Stewardship as a way of life in our Parish.
 - Marla Kramer, Paul Curti, Mike Laughery, Jim Resop, and Patti Sotis' replacement will further develop and champion this goal.
 3. Develop a strategy through which the Parish Council can promote a community of fellowship.
 - Marla Kramer, Dawn Folisi, Vicki Pierson, Karen Wallin, Tom Heither, and Fabian Yaklin will further develop and champion this goal.
 - B. Each Group will meet prior to the September Parish Council Meeting and be prepared to discuss key tactics to achieving the stated goal.
- VIII. IDENTIFY CO-LEADER FOR 2012 Retreat
 - A. Fabian Yaklin volunteered to be the Co-Leader for the 2012 Retreat
- IX. SATURDAY CLOSING - Prayer led by Tom Heither

Retreat Adjourned: September 10, 2011 at 12:30 PM