St. Michael Parish Council Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2015

**Members Present:** Karen Basham, Chris Bonbright, Helen Bryant, Stacy Davis, Bob Goodin, Gary Grieshaber, Jay Blair, Denise Hampton, Angela Kimbel, Brenda Rickert, Susan Robison, Jim Smith, Mary Rose Stephenson, Fr. Dick Sullivan, Stacy Tackett, Teresa Watson, Lisa Wilhelmus

**Members Absent:** Leslye Biller, Charles Edelen, Lori Elliott, Kathy Goodin, Karen Karem, Rose Michels, Kevin Popp,

**Minutes Secretary:** Teresa Watson

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Smith

**Minutes:** Correction to the November, 2015 minutes: The Women’s Conference was hosted by St. Patrick Church not St. Michael’s. The Men’s Conference, scheduled for March 5, 2016, will be hosted by St. Michael.

**Old Business:**

1. Jan. 23 Planning Retreat. Karen Karem reached out to Mary Boyd, the moderator of the morning “retreat” session, concerning the work of the Survey Committee. This committee will continue to meet between now and the retreat to finalize their plans for the afternoon session. Mary Rose Stephenson has joined this committee and help has been offered by Mike Johnson, President of Mercy Academy.

2. The Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 13 was beautiful, and everything went very well. A question was raised about having it scheduled on same day as the Advent penance service, and though all agreed that is not an ideal arrangement, due to the fact that the Lessons and Carols service is designed for the third Sunday of Advent and the penance service must be coordinated with four other parishes, it is likely the same conflict could occur again next year.

**New Business:**

NONE

**Committee Reports:**

1. Communication, Chris Bonbright reporting:

The Archangel came out last week. Efforts continue to get more youth involved such as a seminar for students & parents on how to set up a home network.

2. Finance, Denise Hampton reporting:

St. Patrick’s Accountability Report was cited as a good example of a comprehensive report. Denise suggested some of their elements be added to the next St. Michael report in 2016. St. Patrick includes such things as the total number served by their St. Vincent de Paul chapter and the number of students in the school.

Denise attended an Archdiocesan meeting of Financial Committee Chairpersons. Many ideas were discussed including the downside of allowing a surplus from the cafeteria to accumulate. When this happens those funds can be collected by the Archdiocese and distributed among other schools. However, it is allowable to use the surplus within each school for certain cafeteria improvements.

3. Formation, Karen Karem – absent.

4. Justice and Charity, Kathy Goodin – absent.

5. Parish Life, Helen Bryant – no report.

6. Stewardship, Lori Elliott – see Fr. Dick’s comments below.

7. Worship, Mary Rose Stephenson reporting:

1. Mary Rose made an appeal for the extra ministers needed for the Christmas and New Year’s liturgies. Please call the coordinator to sign up.

2. The current Hospitality Coordinator will soon be stepping down. Mary Rose Is looking for someone to assume that position. Please send any suggestions to Mary Rose or Brenda. This job centers on the scheduling and training of hospitality ministers.

**Pastor’s Comments:**

1. This Saturday, Adam Carrico will be ordained at the Cathedral at 11:00. His first mass will be the next day.

2. Casey Sanders will be ordained a deacon at Good Shepherd Church on March 19, 2016. Casey will serve as deacon & preach at the Good Friday mass at St. Michael.

3. Lori Elliott is leaving as Stewardship Chair and a replacement must be found.

4. Father expressed concern that a number of our weekly collections have been less than what is budgeted. It may help to encourage everyone to review their giving pattern.

5. Stewardship cards have been slow coming back. It was suggested that the timing of the mailing could be part of the problem. There was some discussion about making the cards available to complete and return online.

**Next meeting**: Annual Retreat, January 23, 2016, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Rose Stephenson