

**Annunciation of the Lord Parish
Parish Council Meeting (held at St. Edward's hall)
May 12, 2016**

Members Present: Fr. Craig, Michael Ignash, Delphine Rutkowski, Magdalen Goretski, Bob Koroleski, Kathleen Donahue and Brandt Rousseaux (finance council)

Members Absent: Jeremy Navock and Donna Strozeski

The meeting was called to order by Michael Ignash at 7:11pm. The minutes from the April meeting was read. Fr. Craig mentioned he will shorten the minutes and correct any errors. Motion by Brandt to approve minutes, supported by Bob.

Kathleen added that there was not a December meeting due to the Holiday schedule and therefore no need to approve missing minutes. Mike took approval off the agenda, all in favor.

Financial Report: Brandt stated that the Parish as of the third quarter which ended in March was on budget.

Engineering inspections for all three churches, St. Michael, St. Mary and St. Edward, will go under a structural assessment before any plans are considered to make sure the buildings are of full value for renovation.

Facility Report: Dave Miller was not available for his report. Fr. Craig mentioned that the Parish was using volunteer services to clean up the once wooded area behind St. Mary's. Kathleen mentioned that the cemetery at St. Michael's needs to be consistently blown of clippings after the grounds are cut.

Faith Formation Report: Verna did not attend this meeting. Fr. Craig reminded the council that there is a need for more teachers.

Graduation mass has 8 seniors attending the June 5th mass at St. Michael.

Suggestions on Communication with/for parishioners: An open discussion brought up several options to consider. Large sign on M-25 or M-53 advertising the Parish, a new larger sign for St. Mary. Brandt was going to look into the legalities of how large of a sign can be off the main road.

Use of the Port Austin Farmer's Market or one of the to-be-built kiosk and market booth was under discussion.

Sharing the plot maps of the cemeteries was also brought up as a venue to generate interest in the parish.

Comments were made on how people really enjoyed the movie night at the Port Austin Playhouse and how we should continue that activity.

Delphine stated that St. Mary will not be heading the parish raffle this year which normally takes place the third weekend in August. Mike Ignash said he would look into who led it last at St. Michael and perhaps could help support new volunteers to take over the raffle event. A big thank you to Joan Yaroach and Delores Kubacki for all the hard work.

Kathleen motioned to close meeting and Brandt seconded the motion. Mike Ignash stated the next meeting would be June 15th, 7:00pm at St. Edward's hall.

Fr. Craig closed the meeting by leading the Our Father.