

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

St. Patrick/St Michael Parishes

May 12th - 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's in Lodi

We began our meeting with a prayer.

In attendance were Father Higuera, Thom Rabaglia, Rick Mills, Judy Miller, Tom Karls, Matt Zeman, Marilyn Ziegler, Janet Lonergan and Karen Pursell. Three new council members, Louise Harris, Cecille Karls and Dan Meinholz joined us also. We were also joined by Jorge Miramontes, a seminarian from our diocese.

St. Michael's Trustees, Joseph Clemens, and Albert Deans were in attendance.

Sharon Sellner from the Trusting the Spirit committee and chairperson of the Parish Festival was in attendance along with Mike Hochstein, parish member and representative of the Knights of Columbus.

Excused were Barb Taylor, council member and Herb Karls, Trustee.

Sharon Sellner updated us on "Trusting in the Spirit" and also gave us a copy of the annual report that was submitted to the diocese. We were asked to read the report and get back to any of the members of our "Trusting in the Spirit" committee with questions or comments.

Our three new parish council members were introduced and welcomed and it was noted that we will have the rest of our new council members in attendance at our next picnic meeting in June.

We again briefly discussed the idea of forming a Parish Education Committee (PEC) for St. Michael's School. Mike Lancaster from the diocese has kindly offered to come to one of our meetings and speak on this subject. It was decided that we would pursue this at a later meeting.

It was noted that we will try to have a Stewardship Fair sometime in October with both St. Patrick's and St. Michaels and also invite St. Thomas in Poynette. It was stated that we can promote St. Michael's School during this event. Sharon commented how much easier it would be if we could get our software "Parishsoft" in place by that time. ("Parishsoft" is a software that will be coming from the diocese to help organize and maintain data. The distribution of that software has been delayed because of some glitches in the system.

Father talked about having an appreciation dinner or picnic for all of the many volunteers in our parishes. We were asked to give this some thought regarding where and when we could do this. The Lodi fairgrounds was mentioned as a possible location for this.

Chairperson, Sharon Sellner gave us a report on St. Patrick's parish festival. She handed out a list of facts, the timeline and a list of all the committees and chairpersons for the festival. It was noted that our festival this year is September 25th and is always the 4th Sunday in September.

Father reported that we will be celebrating Pentacost with a Novena to the Holy Spirit on Friday, May 22nd and also the feast of Corpus Christi on June 14th with a procession outside. Look for more details about both of these events in the upcoming bulletin.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th (picnic at 6:00 p.m. at the rectory)

Last names A through M bring salad, N through Z bring dessert.