

# Parish Council Minutes – August 15, 2022

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| 1. Fr. Michael Gurnick | 4. Scott Mennigen  | 7. Bill Merriman    |
| 2. Brian Jecker        | 5. Christian Foisy | 8. Stephanie Pritts |
| 3. Kate Biggar         | 6. Tom Stanton     | 9. Kathy Wadowick   |

Meeting Started: 1905    Meeting Ended: 2045    Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Brian
- II. The minutes from June 20, 2022 were reviewed and approved
- III. Pastor's Report – Father Gurnick
  - a. Parish Picnic - see below
  - b. Building with Living Stones
    - i. Annual Stats Report is being finalized to send to the Diocese by August 31st
      1. baptisms, registrations, marriages, funerals, confirmations, youth in faith formation, adult faith formation, RCIA, major projects that have occurred, etc.
      2. Report will be shared with Council at September meeting
  - c. Strategic Planning Initiative for St. Malachi
    - i. What will the parish look like in 5 years, 10 years, 15 years?
    - ii. Working with a coordinator with experience in strategic planning for religious communities and parishes
    - iii. Status of the current ministries
    - iv. Coordination with neighborhood organizations and other parishes in the Diocese
    - v. St. Patrick is considered a major stakeholder in this process
- IV. Parish Council 22-23
  - a. meeting dates - will meet every month except December and July
  - b. Ideas for this year
    - i. Would like to bring someone from outside council (both neighborhood and parish groups) to come in and talk for the first 15-20 minutes of council meetings
    - ii. Could invite leaders from Charity of the Month and Metro Catholic
    - iii. Spring town hall/parish listening session
    - iv. Biographies of parishioners - capture our history
  - c. At-Large membership (application update)
    - i. We have received two applications
    - ii. Elections will take place early September
- V. Parish Picnic - August 28, 2022
  - a. Creation Care has volunteered to run games, face painting, and recycling & composting education
  - b. Several volunteers have come forward to help out with setup/cleanup
  - c. Rita Lawry has donated all the hot dogs for the event; they are in the Shamrock fridge in the kitchen
  - d. Brian and Christy will follow-up this week to determine the rest of the food (buns, condiments, pasta salad, and drinks)
  - e. Scott is coordinating the tent, tables, chairs, cooking area, and serving line
  - f. We have asked parishioners to bring desserts, chips, and pretzels
- VI. Charity of the Month - Kate
  - a. Metro Catholic is our August charity
    - i. Donations are starting to come in - both materials and monetary contributions
    - ii. Area around St. Anthony statue has been designated for donations

- b. Franklin Plaza is our September charity
- c. Group will get back together in October to review first three months and plan for Advent giving tree

VII. Council Updates

- a. Facility Projects Update - Brian
  - i. Lightning rods - email has gone out to contractor this week
  - ii. East vestibule - waiting on windows, plaster and floor has been installed
  - iii. Windows - first two windows on St. Joseph's side have been removed and are being restored at Whitney Stained Glass
  - iv. Painting - painting around Mary and Joseph's altars along with choir loft will be starting soon
  - v. Parish grounds restoration - the yards have been leveled out; grass seed will be planted soon
  - vi. New post lamps should be installed Thursday (8/18/22) of this week
  - vii. Next facilities meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday (8/17/22)
- b. Faith Formation - Stephanie
  - i. See attached report
- c. Parish Business - Scott
  - i. Van Fund
    - 1. We are going to use #WeGiveCatholic again this year for the van fund
    - 2. Committee regarding van needs (capacity, wheelchair lift, etc.) is going to start meeting soon
  - ii. Mission House
    - 1. Rentals have been up this summer
    - 2. Mailing was sent out to high schools and universities throughout the state
  - iii. Collections
    - 1. We have seen a 10-15% decrease this summer, this is typical of summer
    - 2. May make an appeal or update parishioners this fall on status
- d. Outreach Ministries – Deacon Bill
  - i. Numbers of people coming to the food center on Wednesday's is increasing (120-160 people)
  - ii. Meals program is also increasing (80-100 people)
  - iii. Discussed getting a reference card or brochure together with neighborhood services

VIII. Closing Prayer - Father Gurnick

Lifelong Faith Formation Report St Malachi and St Patrick  
August 9, 2022 / Stephanie Pritts

### PSR

- Opening Gathering Sunday September 11 at 9:45 AM at St Patrick.
- Gr 1-8 Family Faith Formation includes 2X/month in-person sessions plus 3 at-home lessons w/ parents; online “session reviews” track progress. Parents enjoy flexibility plus involvement in their children’s lessons. PreK-K students attend in-person; aren’t required to submit sessions reviews online.
- New High School group will learn Catholic Social Teaching (five sessions only) through watching a video and experiencing a field trip, followed by discussion over supper, and Family Mass on five first Sundays, starting Oct 2 nd .
- In light of covid disruptions, efforts are being made to reach out to parents with children who need to be prepared for sacraments outside of the usual order.

### First Sunday Family Mass

- Time changed to 5:30 PM for greater convenience.
- Masses are First Sunday October – May.
- Students are involved as liturgical ministers.
- Engaged and married couples, families with infants and toddlers are also invited

### Marriage Preparation

- Revised to include an excellent online program called Catholic Marriage Prep.
- Couples work one-on-one with trained mentor couple online for deeper relationship building.
- Other components remain: Theology of Marriage 101, Date with Fr Gurnick at the Art Museum

### RCIA

- Begins September 27 th at St Patrick Faith Formation Center Tuesdays at 7 PM.
- One catechumen, one candidate so far; two St Malachi parishioners will act as companions.

### Walking with Purpose Women’s Bible Studies

- Introductory course Opening your Heart begins online on August 23
- Intermediate course Keeping in Balance begins August 25 th
- Close to 20 women expect to participate in total
- Stephanie is still helping women sign up

### Adult Faith Formation

- Returns in-person at St Pat; includes 5:30 PM Mass & hospitality; prepare for Eucharistic revival
- Fr Anthony Marshall will be joining us for several sessions on Scripture.

### Radical Hospitality

- June 22 nd workshop was well received. Each individual and group is asked to ponder how they can welcome, listen, and become more present to those who come to us.
- Jane Angha, our guest speaker, will work with us for several years and is returning this Fall.