

# Parish Council Minutes – January 16, 2023

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| 1. Fr. Michael Gurnick | 5. Tom Stanton          | 9. Kathy Wadowick |
| 2. Brian Jecker        | 6. Christy Bartley      | 10. Brenna Davis  |
| 3. Christian Foisy     | 7. Deacon Bill Merriman | 11. Ian Brown     |
| 4. Scott Menningen     | 8. Stephanie Pritts     |                   |

Meeting Started: 1900    Meeting Ended: 2110    Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Father Gurnick
- II. The minutes from November 21, 2022 were reviewed and approved
- III. Advent and Christmas Review
  - a. Opus216 was a great addition to the mass - feedback provided by council and parishioners
  - b. Children's choir at 4:30pm mass was excellent
  - c. Lessons and Carols was very well attended
  - d. Parish Worship will be reviewing 2022 on January 30th and starting to talk about next year
    - i. 2023 Christmas Eve is Sunday
      1. 4th Sunday masses in morning
      2. Christmas Eve masses in the late afternoon and evening
      3. Should the 10:00pm mass be moved up to draw larger crowd?
    - ii. 2023 Christmas Day is Monday - two masses vs one mass?
- IV. Pastor's Report
  - a. Mission House
    - i. February 27th or 28th - Town Hall meeting to present summary of information gathered so far and gain more feedback from the parish
    - ii. How does the Mission House relate to the Parish Club Building?
      1. What is the purpose of the buildings?
      2. How do the buildings fit with the overall parish?
  - b. St. Malachi's Strategic Planning - over 1000 hours have gone into the process so far
    - i. Stay the course as a small parish and streamline ministries
    - ii. Parish collaborative - join up with multiple parishes, each retain canonical status but have specialty ministry
    - iii. Become a mission or oratory - worship site that can also sponsor ministries
    - iv. Have a religious community take over (e.g. Jesuits, Precious Blood, Capuchins)
  - c. Westside Catholic Center - Father recently had lunch with new director (Mike B)
    - i. Discussed hope that community parishes, local non-profits, and other local faith communities could collaborate
- V. Building with Living Stones
  - a. Features of the space
    - i. Height of the space
    - ii. Light coming through the windows makes you feel like you are in a holy space
    - iii. Eyes drawn to the main altar and side altars
    - iv. Stations of the Cross - beautiful and engaging
  - b. Connects you to others
    - i. Community begins in the church, and often continues over in the Club
- VI. Council Updates
  - a. Consolation Ministry
    - i. Met today and discussed educating in April on end of life documents
  - b. Communications

- i. Parish email is trying out some new features from MailChimp; going out on Thursdays
  - ii. Meeting minutes are now being posted on the website (e.g. parish council, Creation Care, etc.)
- c. Outreach Ministries
  - i. Meal Program is helping about 100 people twice a week
  - ii. Working with Jim Schlect on sandwich program
  - iii. Working with administrator at Franklin Plaza to increase ministry
- d. Facilities and Restoration
  - i. Restoration tickets are on sale now. Representatives will be selling after each of the masses
  - ii. Details on the breakfast are still being decided
  - iii. A call is being made for volunteers to help with the breakfast
- e. Parish Business
  - i. Grant from Knights of Columbus for Faith Formation center
  - ii. We completed diocesan audit - there are some follow-up items, but no major issues found
  - iii. Miami University is currently using the Mission House this week. Group is not as large as previous years
  - iv. Yearly contribution letters will be available this week. They will be distributed upon request.
  - v. Looking for hosts to run the livestream at 830am mass.
- f. Charity of the Month
  - i. November/December - Advent Giving Tree - see attached notes
  - ii. January - Zelig's Home
  - iii. February - Procop House

VII. Closing Prayer - Brenna