

# Parish Council Minutes – March 20, 2023

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

Meeting Started: 1900    Meeting Ended: 2100    Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Christy
- II. The minutes from February 20, 2023 were reviewed and approved with four minor edits for spelling and liturgy times
- III. Recent Events
  - a. Mission House
    - i. About 20 individuals gathered to discuss the future of the Mission House and possible new uses
    - ii. Longer term lease option from both Stella Maris or a refugee family (~3 month)
    - iii. Follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 19th to continue discussion
  - b. St. Patrick Dance
    - i. The Annual St. Patrick Dance was a success
    - ii. Thank you to the dance committee, parish staff, Mike Thomas, and entertainment
    - iii. The final numbers and sponsors are still being tallied, but we ended up making money. Proceeds were raised for the ministries of St. Patrick
  - c. Diocesan Night of Confession
    - i. 2nd year for the joint venture at St. Mary's Chapel at St. Ignatius High School
    - ii. 5-6 confessors were available throughout the evening
    - iii. A very welcoming and communal experience from both the environment of the chapel/campus and the hosting parish volunteers
  - d. St. Patrick's Day
    - i. Mass was well attended, including a crowd standing in the back
    - ii. Eleven priests concelebrated the mass
    - iii. Four dignitaries joined us this year, including the mayor of Cleveland
    - iv. The full breakfast was back over in the Club. Attendance was greater than last year, but still not up to pre-Covid numbers
    - v. The basket mini raffle and the main raffle were both successful
- IV. Pastor's Report - Father Gurnick
  - a. Lent/Easter
    - i. Gathering lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, music ministry, etc. for the Holy Week Masses
    - ii. Tenebrae will be a district event held at St. Malachi
    - iii. Adoration after Holy Thursday Mass will take place until 11pm
    - iv. Easter Vigil will begin at 8:45pm; fellowship will take place after the Mass
  - b. Distribution of the Precious Blood
    - i. We are still collecting ballots from the various weekend masses
    - ii. Parish Worship is still working on the logistics for the weekend and weekday masses
  - c. Green Infrastructure Grant
    - i. Design grant (\$25,000) from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to plan for stormwater management
    - ii. Opportunity for implementation grant if we decide to move forward with the design that is prepared for us

- d. St. Malachi Strategic Plan
  - i. Two proposal have been brought forward
    - 1. Form a deeper collaboration with the Franciscan community
    - 2. Further explore at the Diocesan level of dissolving St. Malachi as a canonical parish and turn into an oratory under the responsibility of another parish
- V. Building With Living Stones
  - a. Wednesday April 26th after 5:30pm Mass discussion
  - b. Council will email Father with any feedback from recent chapter review
- VI. Council Updates
  - a. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
    - i. Meals program and food pantry expect an increase in neighbors needing services
    - ii. Shared Ministry group is meeting the first Wednesday of the month at noon
  - b. Faith Formation - Stephanie
    - i. First Eucharist will be celebrating at all masses 1st weekend in May
    - ii. Confirmation will take place at the cathedral
    - iii. PSR is going to be closing their year at the end of April
  - c. Consolation Ministry - Kathy
    - i. Presentation was held at the masses this past weekend
    - ii. Packets will be available this weekend after the masses both in the church and at fellowship
  - d. Communications - Christy
    - i. Nametags are being passed out to councils and staff to wear at parish events
    - ii. The parish has an Instagram account
    - iii. Fellowship has suggested that groups coordinate on supplies and serving ware
  - e. Parish Business - Scott
    - i. Parish Van
      - 1. Scott and Father visited Ganley dealership on the east side
      - 2. Recommendations were discussed: high ceiling, 8-12 passengers
      - 3. We have roughly \$39,000 raised so far
    - ii. Credit Card
      - 1. Scott is investigating options with Square
  - f. Facilities/Restoration – Brian
    - i. Restoration has been focused on St. Patrick’s Day, so no new updates
    - ii. Facilities Meeting included review of the Green Infrastructure Grant covered above.
  - g. Charity of the Month – Kate
    - i. March’s charity was Malachi Center
    - ii. April’s is St Herman House
    - iii. L’Arche (June) previously expressed interest in coming to speak with St Pat’s to introduce the organization and spread awareness. Kate is checking in with them to see if this is still of interest.
    - iv. General Process - we are transitioning to having a write up of organization and needs for them to be read at mass announcements weekend prior to kick off of new charity (i.e. last weekend of the preceding month). This will be in bulletins as well.
- VII. Closing Prayer - Scott