

Parish Council Minutes – April 17, 2023

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

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

- I. Opening Prayer - Stephanie
- II. The minutes from March 20, 2023 were reviewed and approved with two clarifying edits
- III. Current Events
 - a. Holy Week/Easter Review
 - i. Holy Thursday - about 200 people stopped in for adoration after the Mass until 11pm
 - ii. Good Friday service was well attended but not up to pre-Covid numbers
 - iii. Holy Saturday - music ministry was wonderful; crowd was larger than last year
 - iv. Easter Sunday - Pat M played at 830am Mass; Elizabeth B and Opus 216 played at the 11am Mass. Attendance was strong at both liturgies
 - v. A special thank you to Terry Bush and Josh Stinson for their efforts setting up the church and the campus throughout Lent and Holy Week
 - vi. Thank you to John and Laura Fratus for hosting Fellowship after all the Easter masses
 - vii. Both Deacon Bill's hosted the blessing of Easter food baskets on Saturday morning.
 - b. Mission House Meeting - 04/19/23
 - i. Meeting will take place 4/19 at 7pm in the Oak Room
 - ii. Stella Maris representative will be present to explain the agency's mission and how the Mission House could fit with their ministry
 - iii. A separate meeting will be held with neighbors, Ohio City Inc, government officials, etc.
 - c. Building with Living Stones Discussion - 04/26/23
 - i. Summary of January - March conversations with the wider parish community
 - ii. This is not a strategic planning session; part of the larger 12 month process
 - iii. The church will be setup with various liturgical setups - funeral, baptism, wedding
- IV. Pastor's Report - Father Gurnick
 - a. Reintroduction of Precious Blood - Holy Thursday Mass
 - i. 4:30 Vigil does not have an interest at this point
 - ii. 8:30am mass - at least 3 ministers
 - iii. 11am mass - need to have 4 ministers
 - iv. Planning to place information into bulletin explaining the procedure and restrictions against intinction
 - b. Parish Picnic - planning for August 27th after the 11am mass
 - c. Suspension of outdoor masses
 - i. We may have a mass in June, but then the next outdoor mass would be the weekend of the picnic
 - ii. It took a lot of effort to setup and cleanup; required staff to work extra on the weekends
 - d. Livestreaming at 830am mass
 - i. Proposing to livestream only and not archiving on the website
 - ii. Would still be able to offer the service for certain functions/celebrations
- V. Council Updates
 - a. Creation Care - Brenna
 - i. Hosting hospitality this weekend in celebration of Earth Day

- ii. Brenna attended a meeting with the sewer district on 4/7
 - iii. Litter pilgrimage on Saturday May 20th at 10am
- b. Faith Formation - Stephanie
 - i. Final in-person PSR session took place this last weekend
 - ii. Confirmation will take place at the end of April down at the Cathedral
 - iii. First Communion will primarily take place in early May
 - iv. Projecting growth in PSR enrollment for next year
 - v. Planning for OCIA for next year is starting up
- c. Consolation Ministry - Kathy
 - i. People are still reaching out for assistance after the end of life documents were passed out throughout a recent weekend
 - ii. We had three funerals this past week at St. Patrick; another funeral is planned for this Friday TBD
- d. Communications - Christy
 - i. Please reach out to Christy for thoughts/ideas
- e. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
 - i. Food pantry is running about the same; people are experiencing reduction in government assistance, so needs from our clients is up
 - ii. Looking for a source of water bottles for the sandwich and food dispensing program
 - iii. Discussion on strategy to address solicitation during masses and other events
- f. Parish Business - Scott
 - i. Finance Council met with Diocese Parish Financial group to review finance audit
 - ii. The Cleveland Marathon is Sunday May 21st.
 - a. The route will be coming down Bridge Avenue directly in front of the church.
 - b. It was discussed that the Sunday masses may be cancelled or delayed.
 - c. A final decision will be made soon, and details released late April/early May.
- g. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
 - i. Restoration Committee has not met since St. Patrick's Day; planning to meet first week of May to discuss St. Patrick's Day, the windows, and the masonry project.
- h. Charity of the Month - Kate
 - i. Joe Gauntner is planning to speak at the end of the Masses on behalf of the May charity, West Side Catholic Center
 - ii. A representative from the June charity, L'Arche, has offered to come speak at the end of May

VI. Closing Prayer - Tom