

# Parish Council Minutes – May 15, 2023

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| 1. Fr. Michael Gurnick | 6. Kate Biggar          | 11. Ian Brown       |
| 2. Brian Jecker        | 7. Deacon Bill Merriman | 12. Christian Foisy |
| 3. Tom Stanton         | 8. Stephanie Pritts     | 13. Jennine Malone  |
| 4. Scott Menningen     | 9. Kathy Wadowick       |                     |
| 5. Christy Bartley     | 10. Brenna Davis        |                     |

Meeting Started: 1905      Meeting Ended: 2105      Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Christian
- II. The minutes from April 17, 2023 were reviewed and approved
- III. Built of Living Stones
  - a. The April 26th meeting was reviewed with the bulletin insert from this past weekend
  - b. The parish is going to continue reflecting on the next sections of the document over the next few months
  - c. Later this year, we will reflect on three main topics - art, architecture, and worship
    - i. Bringing in some local experts on the three above topics
- IV. Pastor's Report - Father Gurnick
  - a. New Registrations
    - i. We have had 15 new registrations over the past few months
    - ii. 7 households met last week for a welcome gathering in the rectory
  - b. Outdoor masses will be suspended this year, but will still occur for Parish Picnic (8/27/23)
  - c. Stella Maris
    - i. We are in conversation with Stella Maris to rent the Mission House
    - ii. Mission House group, parish leadership, and Diocesan representatives are discussing details and possible contractual obligations
    - iii. Discussions regarding renovations (climate control, outdoor space, etc.) to the building are also occurring
  - d. Corpus Christi Sunday (6/11/23)
    - i. Eucharistic procession on property after the 11am Mass
    - ii. Rosary for Life and Peace will meet at 4pm and then Benediction at 5pm
    - iii. Hospitality tent will be available between the rectory and club
- V. Council Updates
  - a. Charity of the Month - Kate and Jennine
    - i. Program review by group leaders
      1. Some months received more support than others
      2. Many of the groups want similar products so thought is to have 3 bigger collections spread during the year and then have the Advent Giving Tree for specific items for the agencies' clients
      3. Trying to avoid fatigue/burnout, particular right before and after holidays
    - ii. Continuing to work with agencies and our parish volunteers to maintain engagement and understand the needs of our agencies
  - b. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
    - i. St. Patrick's Day summary - see attached
    - ii. Restoration
      1. Windows - Whitney is on-site this week reinstalling the two windows near St. Joseph altar
      2. Masonry - focusing on west side of church and undercroft

- 3. Coping - investigating damage to wood and metal cap on west side gable of church
    - iii. Facilities
      - 1. Meeting will be this Wednesday to focus on Mission House and parking lot repair
  - c. Creation Care - Brenna
    - i. Litter pilgrimage is this Saturday at 10am, starting at St. Malachi
    - ii. Gained a new member after Earth Day hospitality
    - iii. Planning activities and education for the Parish Picnic
    - iv. Discussions are ongoing for Kateri Garden
  - d. Faith Formation - Stephanie
    - i. Three recent events: Confirmation, First Communion, Closing Family Mass
    - ii. Starting to work on RCIA preparation for next year
    - iii. PSR will need to make some adjustments to space based on predicted enrollment
  - e. Communications - Christy
    - i. Trying out new methods to get information out - Facebook, Instagram
    - ii. Live-Streaming will be shutting down by the end of May
      - 1. Will recommend that people use the TV broadcast on channel 43
      - 2. Equipment is still be available for future use
  - f. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
    - i. Food Pantry volume is steady
    - ii. Working with NEOCH with sandwich, water, and clementine distribution
    - iii. Collected 1500-2000lbs of food for the pantry via the post office collection
  - g. Parish Business - Scott
    - i. 50/50 Raffle
      - 1. looking for volunteers to take over the leadership of 50/50 raffle
      - 2. June will be the last raffle run by Mike and Nancy Engle
    - ii. Still looking for options related to parish van
    - iii. Celebration of Fr. Gurnick's 25th anniversary of his ordination is coming up at the 11am Mass on 5/28
      - 1. Fellowship will be held in the Lower Hall after Mass with a catered meal
- VI. Closing Prayer - Kate